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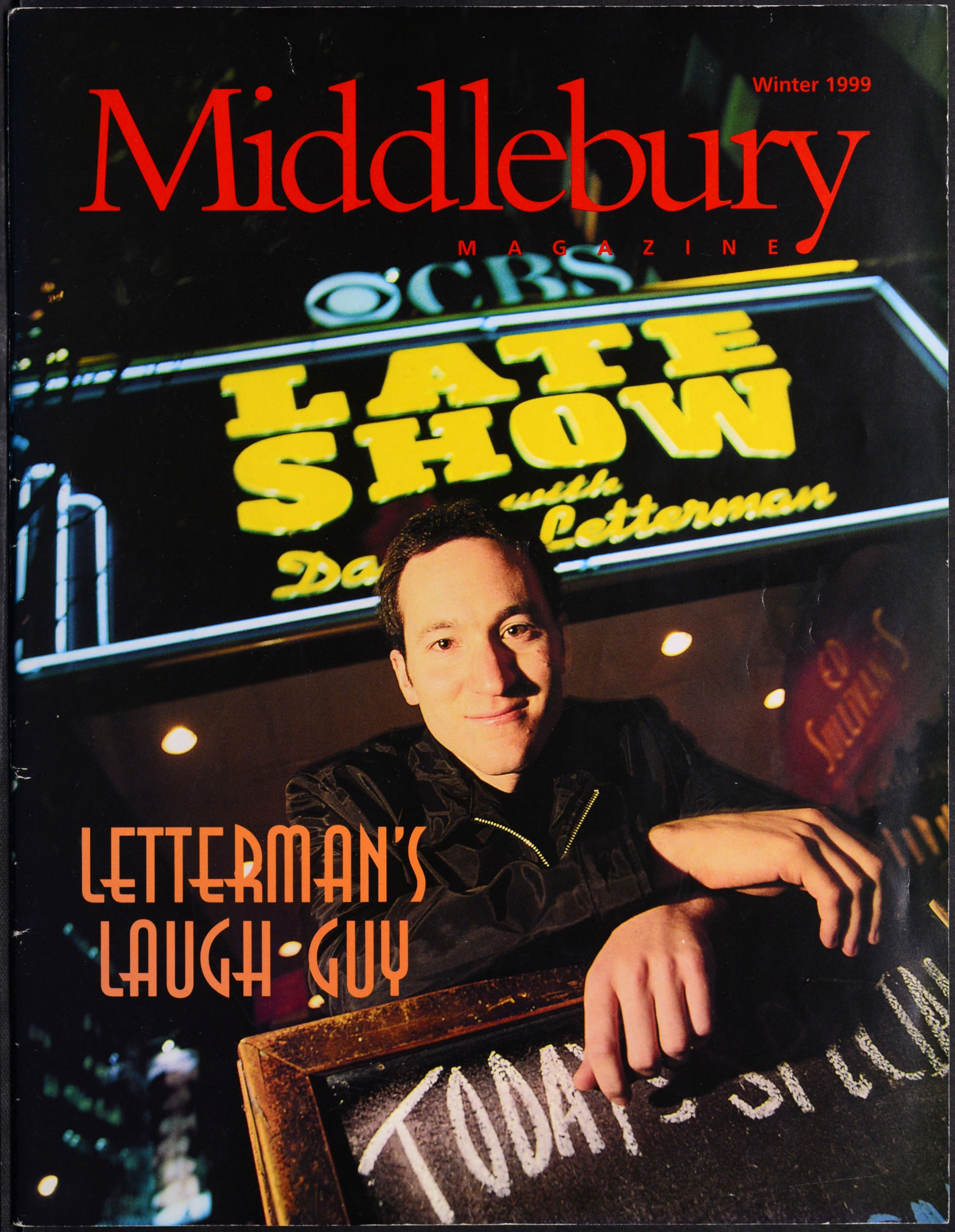

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Left: **Alison Stoll '00 does a handstand on a glass table constructed for the photograph, opposite page, that photographer Bob Handelman shoots from below. *Front Cover:* Rodney Rothman '95 outside the Ed Sullivan Theater in New York City, photographed by Bob Handelman.**

VIEW FINDER

PROCTOR HALL: HURTS SO GOOD

It's 6 P.M. on a snowy night and this intrepid editor is entering Proctor Hall, tray in hand, to find out what all the fuss is about. Why are students, faced with the prospect of decentralized dining as the new commons system evolves, suddenly upset about losing "the Proctor experience"—an experience they've been complaining about for years?

Will they miss the thrill of dodging and bumping through the crush? This first-time diner felt like she was walking up the exit ramp of a highway. With every collision and misstep, gravy sloshed onto the pie; diet Coke slopped over the rolls. Over 1,100 students surged through the doorway that night, gathering and foraging, flowing like a frisky river, parting around outposts of breads and banks of beverages. They coursed through the salad bar with its 53 items, paused at the oil and spice island, made that all-important stop at the breakfast cereal counter (more on that later), and stood for a moment, taking stock of the room, before they plunged into the sea of tables and chairs and the general clatter and chatter of dinner at Proctor.

Is it the food itself they'll miss? The sheer number of choices is staggering; tonight there are beef stroganoff, shrimp scampi, and pork chops, plus several other main dishes. Many people go straight on to the vegetarian entrées, equally as many, equally as appealing, and according to Smitty, the dinnertime head chef, about 30 percent of the students choose vegetarian these days.

Between what is offered and what is eaten, however, there is a gap that would make a mother shudder. Kevin [names changed to protect the nutritionally impaired] had a dinner plate heaped with rice and a side of canned pears. Ryan had four big fluffy rolls and sides of corn and fries. Heather had hummus and a side of dry Cap'n Crunch. Jake's tofu salad was complemented by a dish of plain yogurt buried underneath brown sugar, shredded coconut, and Frosted Miniwheats. A tall sophomore strolled in late with a plate of six rolls surrounding a big pile of peanut butter and jelly. "I'm gonna get more stuff," he stammered. What? "Pie," he replied. Oh, the fruit and vegetable groups. For dessert, there was a lot of innovation involving cold cereal. Top prize goes to this recipe: Mix together Coco Puffs, Rice Krispies, and Golden Grahams, throw on marshmallows, chocolate chips, and peanut butter chips, then zap it in microwave and eat it warm and sticky with your fingers.

But as any student can attest, food is only the half of it. Proctor is, first and foremost, a social experience. And that's the problem. Losing this one great cacophonous dining room means you'll never get to see absolutely *everyone*, they lament. No more *Proctor Crushes* (falling for people you've never met but only see at dinner). No more *Proctor Scopes* (checking out the potential date market). No more *Proctor Face* (the panic that shows when you survey the room looking for a friend to sit with and see no one). Of course there's the Grille now, and though they love it, they're leery of a future without Proctor as they know it. "I know Proctor sucks, but we love it," one forthright diner offers. "Proctor just hurts so *good*." ■ *RM*

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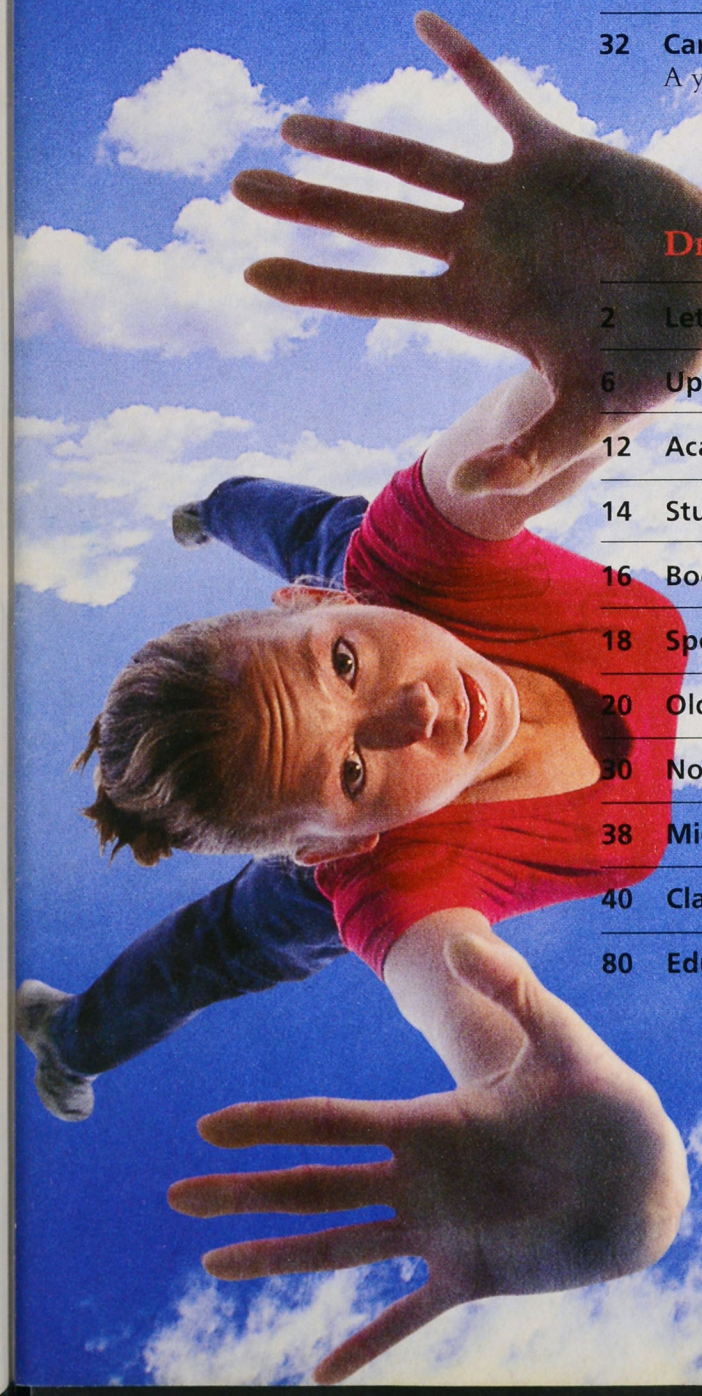

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Praise by Conservatives Rankles

I was disappointed to read in the September 6th *New York Times* praise for Middlebury College by the conservative Intercollegiate Studies Institute, Inc. of Wilmington, Delaware. In its guide to the top 100 colleges, it criticizes all the Ivy League schools, especially Harvard University. I quote from the *Times* article: "Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vermont, is praised as 'a rarity in higher education today in that multiculturalist talk seems to be waning rather than gathering strength.'"

I hope this is a false reading of where Middlebury is headed. I am proud of Middlebury's long tradition of excellence in her foreign language schools and her active recruiting of minorities and students from other countries. I have also always presumed Middlebury's curriculum reflected concerns of the entire world and not just Western cultures. Is this no longer true?

David Dale '50
Scituate, MA

Eddie-O an Early Kicker

As a former Midd football player, it was great to see the article about the team's current kicker, Scott Dudley '99. I take exception, however, to the statement in the article that Middlebury has never had a "specific 'kicker' before." No one from our 1992 NESCAC championship team would soon forget about Eddie Opler '93, or call him anything but our kicker. Not only did he win several games for us that year (a one-point victory over Colby and a 3-0 win against Williams come to mind), but he earned league and Division III honors. Also an ex-soccer player, Eddie-O did not play another position. So let it be stated for the record: Eddie Opler was our team's "specific kicker." Without him we would not have been the team we were.

Eric Sevigny '93
via the Internet

Little Eddie the Kicker

Thank you for the article this fall on Middlebury football's most recent kicker, Scott Dudley '99. As a former teammate of Scott's, I am impressed by his kicking and his stamina for such a lonely and stressful role. However, I must take issue with the assertion that Scott is Middlebury's first "specialized" kicker. It was only six autumns ago that the place-kicking of former Middlebury soccer forward turned kicker Eddie Opler '93 helped boost the Panthers to our best season in 10 years, including a game-winning, last-second kick against Colby. I'm sure Eddie and the rest of his teammates from that 7-1 effort will remember fondly his habit of arriving at the practice field in his black Saab convertible, fully dressed in pads and helmet. Every day number 2 would crack a joke, put on a kicking show, and zoom off again, top down. Little Eddie was part of the glue that helped keep that amazing championship team together.

Tom Elliott '96
Norwich, VT

Mother of Tibetan Prisoner Brings Tears

On October 22, I saw a truly awesome speaker, Sonam Deyki. She is the mother of Ngawang Choephel, a Middlebury student [Fulbright scholar who both taught and studied at the College] currently held prisoner by the Chinese government for researching Tibetan culture. While I knew Ngawang, his unfair captivity became more vivid with his mother's speech, and most of the Mead Chapel crowd sat with hollow stomachs or teary eyes after the talk. Some things are not lost in translation. As I looked upon the evening's panel, including Representative Sanders and Professor Margolis with Sonam Deyki holding a large photograph of her smiling son, what startled me was President McCardell's absence. I wondered why President McCardell would miss an important political event for one of his students. McCardell has been a tremendous fund-raiser and honest politician. I enjoyed the College with his guidance and, thus, I gave him the benefit of the doubt.

The grave situation in Tibet needs attention. It needs bumperstickers, it needs Tibetan Freedom Concerts, it needs press. If there are political bandwagons to jump on, this is a pure and indigenous one. Led by professors and students, Eastern ideology has presence at Middlebury, and we must recognize that Middlebury affiliates are more conscious of Tibet's struggle than most Americans. This is why McCardell's nonattendance matters. America has many options for future Chinese diplomacy, and I would have liked to see Middlebury's president lead the conscientious path with Sonam Deyki in Mead Chapel. I think McCardell might have liked it, too.

Edward (Ned) H. Greene '96.5
Somerville, MA

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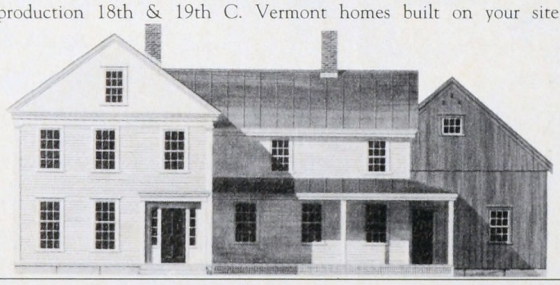

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Sequel to Graff Article?

I was moved by Nancy Graff's article in our *Middlebury Magazine*, Summer '98, "A Life Ripped Open." In it she courageously shared with the entire Middlebury community a very personal ordeal. It is impossible for me to imagine the damage such a mental condition can cause to your identity as well as your family and friends, but her account gives me some limited insight.

I think it was her dream description that upset me the most. Mine are rarely nice; mostly they are like the special-effects movies these days, but nothing like hers. Whoever said, "May your dreams come true"?

The article leaves me with two thoughts. The first is that having described her terrible journey "toward the outer banks of our psyches," I presume she must have recovered, for how else could she write so well. It was a long journey indeed from thinking and writing one-word-at-a-time to what we read in her account today. My second thought is that the article begs a sequel about how immediate family members deal with this debilitating mental condition. To the children it must be very confusing and to her husband, a matter for which he may partly blame himself.

At any event, I commend the editors for printing this article; I cannot remember reading anything as heavy as this in our alumni magazine.

Jock Glidden '58
Ogden, UT

Applause for Graff

I applaud the publication of Ms. Graff's article on depression. We need to see more and more education on the issue in order to reverse the stigma. As she said, it's not your fault and she didn't have to feel shame in seeking treatment. *But*, the next thing I saw in the magazine was the cartoon on p.3. How cruel.

John Moran
M.A. Spanish '70
Jackson Heights, NY

Breaking Down the Barriers

Leroy Nesbitt was quoted in the recent article "Crossing the Cultural Frontlines," as saying that: "Among certain groups there is an assumption that the world is hostile, that we must preserve our culture through a kind of loyalty, a code of conduct. At times we pass judgment on people who go beyond that." I personally have seen the reality of Mr. Nesbitt's statement and believe that it implicates the need for Middlebury to address diversity not just to educate students in the majority, but also for students who find themselves in an all-too-small minority.

As a young alum "of color," I've encountered racism, sexism, classism, and violence, in college and in law school. These experiences and those of my friends have helped me become more sensitive to the importance of diversity in education. Sometimes I get the sense that Middlebury is paying a lot of lip service to diversity, for the benefit of alumni and "outsiders" so that it does not lose face, so to speak, but at the cost of paying less attention to matters on campus. I would like to see a Midd Mag follow-up article on the Student Coalition for Community (SCC) sit-in. Sparked by the racist April Fools' Day, 1998 cartoon that appeared in the *Campus*, the SCC students demanded the establishment of a Diversity Affairs Office by Spring 1999. The Midd Mag story did not mention the Diversity Affairs Committee (DAC) of the SGA, a permanent committee of which I served as chairperson during my senior year (1995-1996). The DAC was founded during another outbreak of racial tensions. It was established to facilitate dialogue among various groups on campus and between students and the administration. It was also intended to promote diversity among students, faculty, and curricular offerings. I don't know what has become of the DAC, but am extremely disappointed to hear that it no longer has a role in such matters. Perhaps students may find it a useful tool if they can bring it back to the public eye. I applaud the efforts of current students, such as the members of the SCC and Suzanne Minott '99 (the subject of "Crossing the Cultural Frontlines"), to break down barriers and engage others in dialogue.

Niamh O'Leary-Liu Singh '96
Atlanta, GA

An Educator's Opinion

There's something bathetic in the image of two perceivably semi-senile "old profs" whopping each other with feather dusters sprawling into the sunset. But I'm not about to lie down and let Russ Leng [Educated Opinion, Fall '98] implicitly dismiss me now as merely a nostalgic has-been, drooling over cream of wheat, out of touch with the realities of Middlebury College.

No, I have never been department chair, a faculty dean, nor served on the Committee of Reappointment and Tenure. That's a cheap shot—sort of like pulling rank, when you're not sure if your vantage point is bullet proof. While Russ was doing his things, I was merely a teacher—seven different classes every year, 25+/- student advisees, plenty of other committees. But I always have, and always will, listen hard to students who want to transfer elsewhere (usually among our very brightest, who are disaffected with their classes). And that number has *increased* over the years.

But back to Russ Leng's "educated opinion"—the very title of the piece is a gnatlike annoyance. For it implies that what follows comes from one who *knows*, an objective correlative to the sloppy-minded sentimentalists. "Hill and Flemming argue that we overemphasize scholarship" and say that "the teaching back then was superior to that of today's faculty." Neither of us *said* that—I certainly didn't. I *said* the current faculty were not *superior* and urged "objective comparisons" with the past. As for Leng's blanket assertion, "the two [scholarship and teaching] should complement each other," that "scholarly excellence comes at the expense of good teaching. That does not make sense in theory." The hell with theory. Several major universities, Harvard and Cornell among them, are, as I write, undertaking major reevaluations of that very problem—that undergraduates are currently being shortchanged through overemphasis on faculty scholarly productions.

Leng writes that compared with Flemming and Hill, "my vantage point for drawing comparisons is better than either of theirs." What's wrong with the word "different"? "I am better than you are"—not perhaps the most felicitous manner with which to engage an altercation.

During a number of years, I served on what used to be called the Appeals Committee, which was also the Committee on Conference with Trustees, to meet with their counterpart twice a year. The Appeals Committee's primary function was to hear and adjudicate cases from faculty denied reappointment or tenure. I have never heard any faculty who have been there say other than it was the most arduous, thankless, painful, time-consuming committee appointment at the College. Leng's unreserved praise of our "rigorous reviews," his unctuous promotion of "classroom evaluations of their classes"—well, I've seen abuses of these procedures, heard them, and it would melt the wax out of your ears.

But to end on a positive note; by all means "come to Alumni College next summer and see for yourself." Just this past summer, Peterson,

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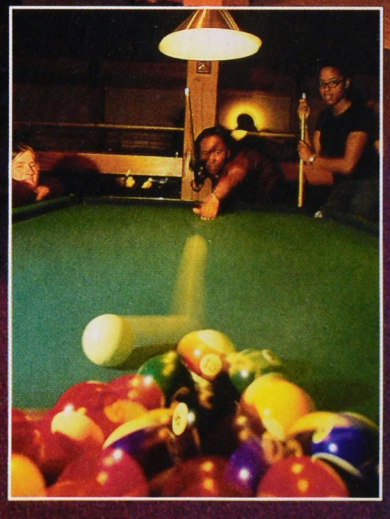

Hot Off the Grille

Total transformation of the old pool creates a new hub of student life

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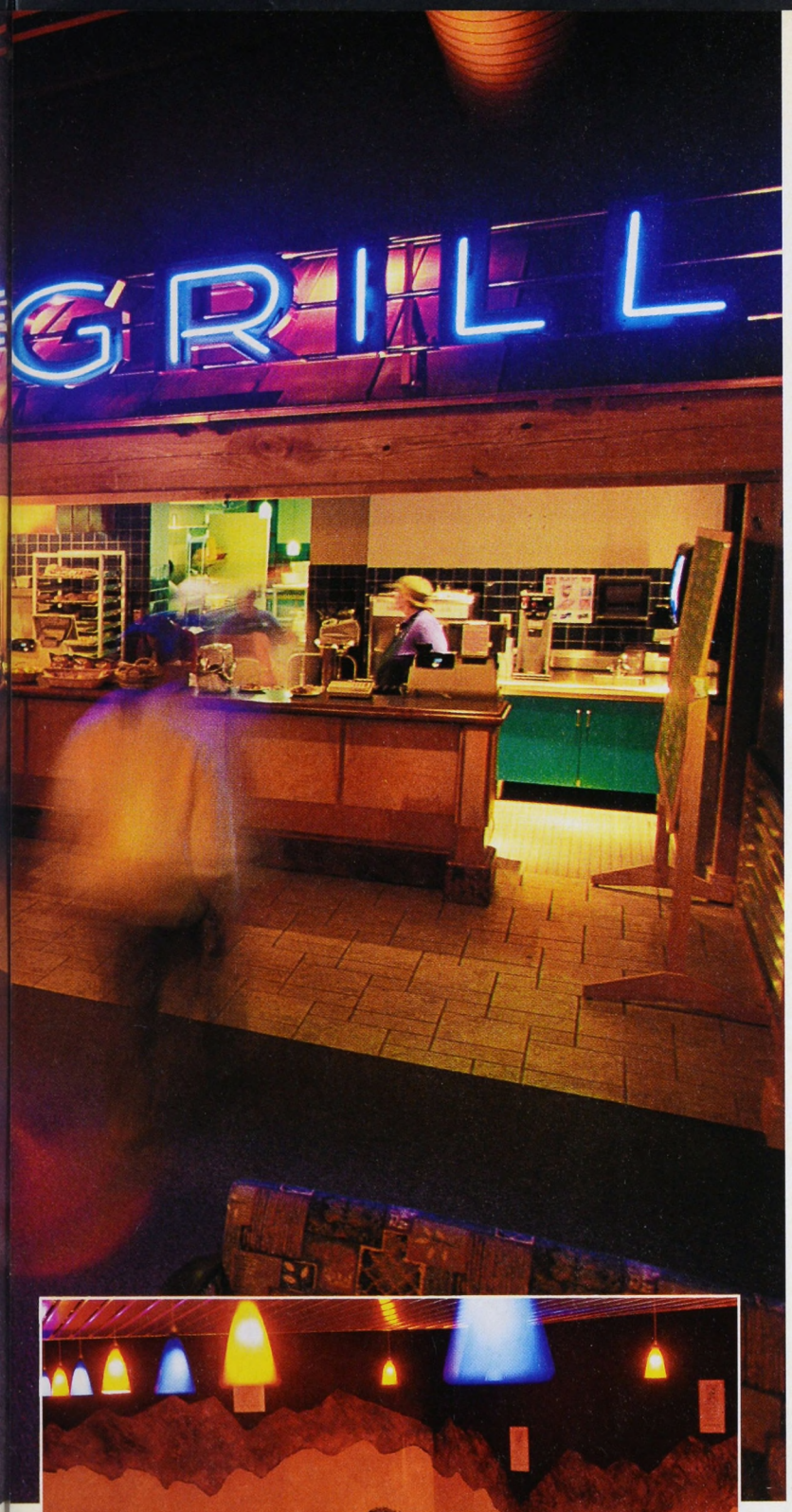

Where once there was water, now there is air. In the space where just one year ago, several dozen swimmers streaked through their lanes, now hundreds of students meet and talk, eat and drink coffee. It's hard to believe your eyes, but there, where the old swimming pool used to be in McCullough, is the Grille: a two-story, 10,000-square-foot gathering place that provides food, shelter, drink, and lots more.

Pros in the food biz call it a food court, but to dazzled visitors it looks like a sophisticated urban night spot has materialized in a corner of dowdy old McCullough. The lighting is a crucial part of the atmosphere. Since there is virtually no natural light in the space, a variety of lighting "scenes" have been created—from nighttime "streetscapes" to cozy interiors. The space has been divided into a number of different levels, each with its own environment. There's a coffee bar/juice bar downstairs, with a back corner "cyber cafe" equipped with computers, an electronic game room, and a large TV-viewing area. Then up the stairs is the main dining area, with tables, a counter, and an open cooking area. The whole upper 3,000-foot area surrounds a sunken, central pool-table space and is adjacent to the Crest Room, newly streamlined, which has become a part of this food complex. "By bundling as many things as possible into a free-flowing environment," says Peter Napolitano, dining services director, "we believe we have redefined the concept of the modern-day student center."

That may be so, but the question on everyone's mind, as we stood in line to order, watching a mouth-watering array of fajitas and burgers, strombolis and calzones being cooked, sliced, heated, or assembled, was, "Is the food any good?" Happily, the answer was yes. And it's not just quick lunch food that is available. During Family Weekend, parents could order charred tuna, marinated salmon steak, or Mediterranean regional cuisine. ■

Main photo: the upper dining room of the Grille; insets: pool tables are in a sunken, central area; the cyber cafe is tucked in the back of the coffee bar/juice bar.

UPHILL DOWNHILL

LIVING AND LEARNING: AN UNCOMMON APPROACH

For over 18 months Middlebury has been discussing a residential life initiative which would dramatically reenvision and reshape student life on this campus. In 1997, when President McCardell first introduced his vision to the trustees, he put forward the idea of creating several residential "commons" that would provide housing, dining, and study space for groups of students, and would also include a faculty residential component. These commons would expand the limited, nonresidential commons system with which Middlebury has been experimenting for the past six years.

The discussion process has been lengthy. Students and staff have visited other schools with alternative residential models and reported back to the College. There has been much debate in scheduled campus forums, in the *Campus*, on MiddTalk, and at other venues.

Over time that initial vision has been amended and reshaped, until this fall when the faculty voted overwhelmingly to support a proposal describing a new residential life initiative which was based on three cornerstones: decentralized dining, proximate faculty housing, and continuing membership. The proposal, written by a standing committee of students, faculty, and staff led by Kathy Ebner '87, director of residential life; Tim Spears, associate professor of American literature and civilization; and Jen Close '98, was then approved by the Board of Trustees at its October meeting.

What It Will Look Like: When the new system is completed, there will be four or five commons of 400 to 500 students. Each commons will include student rooms, a dining facility, social and study space, a computer room, and offices for deans and commons associates. Existing dorms will be upgraded so there is equity among commons assignments, and additional student residences will be built.

How It Will Work: Students will enter Middlebury and be assigned to a commons, where they will stay for at least two years. They will develop social and academic events at their commons and may even take classes associated with that commons. The hope is that they will take their meals there, but students have the freedom to eat at other dining halls.

Team Approach: A faculty member will be associated with each commons and he/she will live in a house nearby and be involved in the life of, and set the intellectual tone for, the commons. A dean assigned to each commons will have an office there and will develop strong, long-term relationships with the students of the commons. One or two recent graduates will live in and serve as residential advisers.

What Happens to Social and Academic Houses: The faculty couldn't come to an agreement on the relationship between the social and academic houses and the commons. Some felt that each social and academic house should have an affiliation with a particular commons. Others felt they should be independent. Jay Parini, professor of English, in describing how the social houses would hamper the establishment of the new commons systems, said, "We are turning in our old Volvo for a new Ferrari and they're making us drive it with the parking brakes on." The trustees have asked the residential life committee to focus again on these issues.

Student Response: Student voices have ranged from enthusiastic to cautiously "wait and see." The SGA supported the enhanced residential plan and offered a proposal on how the continuing residency cornerstone should work. They also recommended four rather than five commons.

New Student Hub: Planning is under way for a new central "hub" of student life anchored by a renovated McCullough and a newly expanded Starr Library with student offices, an updated bookstore, and a copy shop.

When It Will Happen: Planning for Phase 1 begins immediately with these projects: construction of a commons dining facility in Ross Commons (a.k.a. the "new dorms"—Ross, Milliken, Hadley, and Lang); a major addition to, and renovation of, Starr Library; two new 100-bed dormitories; more improvements near McCullough to further flesh out a student center; and renovation of Proctor.

In an era when higher education seems to be following the siren call of cyberspace, when often a classroom, or even a campus, is not much more than a loosely associated group of people on the same electronic listserve, Middlebury has taken a bold, contrarian stance. By reenvisioning the College as several residential commons, President McCardell and the trustees hope to further integrate the intellectual and social life on campus, and to reinvigorate the traditional values of community, for which Middlebury has long been known. ■

Ivory Coast Prime Minister Duncan (center) visited the College with his minister of economic development, the ambassador to the U.S., and others.

AFRICAN AFFAIRS ON MIDD AGENDA

First we had a visit by a delegation from the Ivory Coast, including Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan. Then the next week the sixth annual Sub-Saharan Africa Symposium addressed the topic of "African Health: Present Pain, Future Hope?" Rwandan ambassador Theogene Rudasingwa spoke of the continuing perilous situation in his country. Other speakers included Vera Cooper, a health administrator from Liberia; Eric Chinje, of the World Bank; Seth Appiah-Opoku, visiting professor at UVM; and Charles Finch, director of international health at the Morehouse School of Medicine. Middlebury faculty moderator was David Eaton, and Leroy Nesbitt, special assistant to the president, was adviser to the symposium. ■

Above: Eric Chinje, Vera Cooper join visiting professor François Clemmons. *Left*: Michael Katz, dean of the Language Schools, Leroy Nesbitt, and Associate Professor Sunder Ramaswamy.

A New Page for Literacy

More than 20 percent of adults read at or below a fifth-grade level, according to the National Institute for Literacy. In Addison County, a 1993 survey reported that 24 percent of adults are not functionally literate—they do not have the skills required to read road signs, fill out job applications, or read basic stories to their children. Middlebury students and alumni are mounting a multiyear effort to address these literacy issues, both locally and nationally. Called "Page 1," this volunteer literacy project was designed as a way for the College to celebrate, through public service events with the larger community, its Bicentennial Celebration. Page 1 recently received a grant of nearly $200,000 from the Alma Gibbs Donchian Charitable Foundation to support the program, including funds to hire a three-year, full-time coordinator; assess needs and resources in Addison County; develop a summer literacy-based enrichment program; and plan a statewide literacy conference for 1999-2000. ■

Volunteers for Page 1 read to children at the Weybridge School.

On October 8, some alumni viewers of "Imus in the Morning" were startled to see their ascerbic icon holding forth in front of a big blue banner proclaiming "Middlebury." The I-man was broadcasting from a studio in Burlington, and Middlebury was one of the sponsors. President McCardell, an Imus fan, attended the taping. ■

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Green Mountain Giant

By L. Jon Wertheim

Tiny Middlebury produces teams to match its impressive new facilities

One would be hard-pressed to label Middlebury College a bona fide jock school. Not so long as the varsity athletes pump iron in the same weight room as the rest of the student body, there are no athletic scholarships, and the football coach won't cut any student who wants to be on his team. But there's no mistaking the fact that this highly regarded liberal arts school nestled in the Champlain Valley of Vermont is a wellspring for athletic success at the Division III level.

Just consider this Murderers' Row of Panther programs: The women's field hockey team won the NCAA championship two weeks ago, beating William Smith 3-2 in overtime, and the women's cross-country team placed seventh in the NCAAs last Saturday. The men's soccer team, undefeated in the regular season, lost in the first round of NCAAs. The women's ice hockey team hasn't lost to a conference opponent in 52 games, and the women's lacrosse team has been in the NCAA semifinals for the past five seasons, winning the national championship in 1997. The men's hockey team has won the national title each of the past four seasons, while the ski team, competing in Division I, perennially finishes with a top 10 national ranking. Barring an epic collapse, Middlebury has a good shot at winning this year's Division III Sears Director's Cup, awarded to the school with the best overall excellence in NCAA competition. "Success breeds success," says athletic director Russ Reilly with a shrug.

But what really gives? How has this unremittingly preppy school—best known for its language departments and the summer immersion program—transformed itself from a modest member of the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) into a sports powerhouse? For one thing, the athletic department took a cue from its Division I counterparts and adopted a "build it and they will come" philosophy toward recruiting. Since 1990, Middlebury has constructed a track and field complex, a football field with stands that look out on the Green Mountains and a swanky natatorium (read: wildly expensive pool). The crown jewel, scheduled to open in early January, is a state-of-the-art, $17.5 million ice hockey rink that is being funded largely by donations, the biggest from a former Panthers hockey player. "I'm not sure kids are going to come here just because we have a great new building," says Bill Beaney, the men's hockey coach who also oversees the golf program. "But appearances matter, and we hope they'll see this and realize the commitment it stands for."

Middlebury has also benefited from encouraging athletes to play multiple sports. More than 100 of the school's 700 athletes (drawn from a student body of 2,160) will earn more than one varsity letter this year. "Even if you're good enough to do it, a lot of Division I coaches don't want you playing another sport in the off-season," says junior John Giannacopoulos, the leading scorer for the soccer team and a starting forward on the hockey team. "Coming to Middlebury and not having to give up either soccer or hockey was a big selling point for me."

Same goes for Kirstin Gerety, a senior from Anchorage who was the leading scorer on the women's soccer team and a top Alpine skier. Geography enriches Middlebury's appeal as well. Situated on a hill overlooking the village of Middlebury, this pastoral campus is chock-full of playing fields and is within a few miles of well-groomed ski trails.

Not that all this warmth and Patagonia fuzziness for sports has met with unqualified applause. A number of students and professors worry that the school has made a Mephistophelian bargain and the unseemly appurtenances that attend big-time athletics are lurking around the corner. For now, anyway, that hardly seems a problem. Played in front of sparse crowds, Middlebury games feature little jaw-dropping athleticism but lots of superannuated virtues such as ample ball and puck passing and plenty of postgame handshakes. What's more, Middlebury is a place where the term "student-athlete" doesn't provoke smirks. A full 100 percent of the senior varsity athletes graduated last year, including lacrosse captain Brandon Doyle, who nearly missed a crucial game when his French horn recital ran late.

Perhaps a more salient concern is whether the $25 million earned for the new pool and hockey rink might have been put to better use, say, endowing more professorships or providing more student financial aid. But Middlebury's president denies that athletics are exacting an academic price. "We're striving for excellence across the board," says John McCardell, Jr.

Middlebury athletics, in other words, might simply be the sweatiest of the liberal arts. ■

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DISPENSER OF STICKY BUNS, COLLECTOR OF ART

Arlene Ann LaFave had a secret. She began working at the Dog Team Tavern when she was 15 years old, and for 45 years she served generations of Middlebury students sticky buns with a side of dry wisecracks. She waited on the likes of Robert Frost and Neil Diamond. She waited on tables until the day she died, last November. But except for a handful of people, no one had the faintest idea what Arlene was keeping in her home, up the hill from the restaurant.

This humble, somewhat reclusive waitress had over the years amassed a small fortune in antiques. And she'd become a world authority on an esoteric Labradorian wall hanging—the Grenfell mat. Not even her mother knew what Arlene was doing in her spare time, or that upon her daughter's death, she would be fielding calls from collectors across the country, who were champing at the bit to get their hands on Arlene's collection.

To most Midd alums, Arlene was the one who gave them a hard time, then gave them extra sticky buns. Sue Davis Patterson '67 says that she has been asking to sit at Arlene's table for over 30 years. "The fact that she always gave my husband Tom an extra sticky bun was only part of the reason."

Patterson started going to the Dog Team when she was a freshman and began waitressing there about a year later. "Arlene was friendly and funny while being gruff. If you said you'd love another sticky bun, she'd say, 'Fat chance,' but then always brought it. She'd hand you the dessert menu saying, 'Since you didn't finish your meal, there's of course no dessert for you.' "

Fredrick Raskhopf, Jr. '57 was one of the few people who was privy to the more private life of the woman. "Arlene's outside passion was the world of antiques. She began collecting wall hangings and American clocks, and then as she came to understand other categories, she widened her sphere. Through reading and observation at the auctions, she became a self-taught authority. Silver, paintings, and curly maple furniture began to fill her home. Today her collection has been appraised at over $600,000, including a cherry grandfather's clock valued at $50,000-$100,000."

He explains that her specialty of Grenfell mats was intimately associated with Middlebury history and with the Dog Team Tavern itself. Sir Willfred Grenfell, an English doctor and missionary who built a hospital in Labrador in the 1920s, began a folk art industry in Labrador, teaching the locals to weave mats which could be sold to fund his hospital work. These mats were made of old silk stockings that Grenfell brought to Labrador from the U.S.; they then were woven into wall hangings that depicted scenes of the far north—scenes with dog teams, polar bears, or the aurora borealis. In the 1930s Grenfell and his wife, Lady Anne Grenfell, came to Middlebury and ran a mission house and sales room for these Labradorian handicrafts. That mission house, in the 1940s, became the Dog Team Tavern, and it was amply decorated with hangings depicting dog teams pulling sleds.

Arlene LaFave, waitress by night, art collector by day.

Not even her mother knew what Arlene was doing in her spare time, or that upon her daughter's death, she would be fielding calls from collectors across the country.

Arlene owned 30 Grenfell mats; they covered the walls of her modest farm house. "Arlene's reputation as a collector spread, and dealers would call her to give her first crack at important items before putting them on the general market," says Raskhopf. Mats from Arlene's collection were hung in shows mounted by the American Folk Art Museum in New York and by the Shelburne Museum in Vermont.

Patterson says that when she was social chair for her class's 30th reunion, "There was no question where I wanted our banquet to be. Coming 'home' to Middlebury means going back to the Dog Team. Over 130 of us ate there a year and a half ago with the ambiance of our youth around us. Arlene was working the regular dining room that night. She represented the continuity that special place still holds for the sons and daughters of Middlebury. Arlene was part of the extended family of the College through all the students and alumni who passed through her tables. Going to the Dog Team will never be quite the same." ■

ACADEMIC MATTERS

An awesome role model, Stanger knows four languages, publishes prodigiously, and has impressive contacts.

A Higher Standard

Allison Stanger expects a lot from her students. And she gets it.

By Rachel Morton

Allison Stanger's classes are tough. Just one look at a syllabus should scare off any slackers thinking they'd like to dabble in political science. According to the syllabus for her first-year seminar, "American Constitutional Democracy," Stanger notes that class particpation (25 percent of the final grade) means not just opening your mouth, but "the quality of your participation and the adequacy of your preparation."

Each student is required to submit, via the Internet, by 7 A.M. on the day of class, a "reaction paper" to each day's readings. This allows Stanger to shape her discussion that day and to encourage the articulation of interesting points made by the less vocal participants of the class. Four or more formal papers are due throughout the semester, with these provisos: *"I will react violently to spelling and grammatical errors,"* so students had better take time to proofread and rewrite. *"Remember that the key to good writing is and always has been rewriting."* And if (though this is rarely the case) they hoped to pull one over on her—forget it. *"Do not attempt to pad or use excessive margins to meet the four-page minimum."* In other words, there is nowhere to hide. So why are students so eager to get into her classes?

Stanger, associate professor of political science since 1991, came to Middlebury with a dewy fresh Ph.D. from Harvard and the remarkable distinction of having entered the academic job market after only one application: to Middlebury. A rising star with four languages (French, Czech, Russian, Slovak), Stanger had already been the recipient of prestigious grants and fellowships, including two MacArthur Fellowships in International Security, and a Research Fellowship at the Brookings Institution. Since she's arrived here, she's continued to amass academic distinctions, par-

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ticularly within her specialty of research on the former Czechoslovakia, and she has published extensively on these subjects, often with her husband, Michael Kraus, who is also a professor in Middlebury's political science department.

Both she and Kraus keep current on the ever-changing political situation in the Eastern bloc by yearly stints in Prague, where they are associated with the Center for Economic Research and Graduate Education at Charles University. "You've got to be there to gather documents, to talk to people," she says. "We see enormous changes every time we go back."

This ever-changing political reality is reflected in the way Stanger teaches her courses. Rather than using a static reading list of classic texts, students are often going to the Web to find resources. For instance, when her senior seminar students look at changes in the NATO alliance, they go straight to the NATO Web page and read the changes as they are posted.

After an article is assigned, the class might very well find itself the next week facing the author, as was the case when General William Odom came to Stanger's senior seminar to talk about NATO. Odom, the director of the National Security Agency from 1985 to 1988 and currently director of National Security Studies for the Hudson Institute and an adjunct professor at Yale University, asked the class directly what it thought of his article: "Do you think I was fair when I wrote that? Did you believe my point of view?"

Rather than shrink at the prospect of addressing this Russian specialist who has advised presidents on military and foreign policy, Stanger's senior seminar seemed to relish engaging the general in discussion of the pros and cons of NATO's enlargement. "Why was NATO formed anyway?" he asked the group. "It was founded to control Germany," a student answered. At that Stanger jumped up, went to the board, and wrote, "Keep Germany down, the Russians out, the Americans in." "That's 1949," Odom summed up. How do the Germans feel about this? Three students who'd recently returned from Germany offered their personal observations, and before the hour-and-a-quarter class was over, nearly all of the 17 students in the class had participated in the spirited and sometimes contentious conversation. Odom was on campus through the executive-in-residence program, sponsored by the Geonomics Center for International Studies.

Stanger's students seem to love the challenge of the class: "You have to be on the ball," said former student David Cohen '01. "She definitely requires a lot of students, but her class is unique in that students never want to miss a class. I think it's partially the respect she commands and partially the material she's teaching."

Will Dobson '95, who was an editor at *Foreign Affairs* thanks, partly, to Stanger's contacts there, said, "I'll tell you this: one of the things I really appreciated about her classes is that there were right and wrong answers. Sometimes I found professors were tolerant of 'anything goes' answers. She didn't have any tolerance for that. She sets a higher standard." Dobson is currently at Harvard working toward a master's in East Asian studies and a law degree.

Melinda Atwood '99, too, felt that "the standards were high," but she liked working toward those standards. A slightly starstruck poltical science major, Atwood confides she and friends have an "Allison Stanger fan club" and says that when she first took a class she was "flattened by her intelligence and her style of teaching. She is so dynamic."

Teaching is something Stanger takes very seriously and last year she was coordinator for a January term teaching workshop for new faculty. "Bad teachers are the ones who say, 'Well, my students are just tuning out. I'm doing the same things I've done every year.' You have to make efforts to reach different types of students. A good teacher will reach everyone in class, not just the brightest students." ■

HIGH MARKS

Robert Schine, dean of the faculty, has been awarded the Curt C. and Else Silberman Chair in Jewish Studies. The scope of this endowed professorship includes studies in Judaism; inter-religious dialogues; the lessons of the Holocaust; and Jewish thought, ethics, and philosophy. The Silbermans, who have lived in South Lincoln, Vermont, for 30 years, have found a warm and stimulating atmosphere at Middlebury and so have chosen to support the creation of this Chair of Jewish Studies.

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The Emperor of Japan bestowed the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure on Hiroshi Miyaji, professor emeritus of philosophy, for his contribution to education.

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E. Burke Rochford, Jr., professor of sociology, has recently written of the history and causes of physical and sexual abuse at the Hare Krishna boarding schools. The resulting exposé has shocked both Hare Krishna insiders and the general public and attracted news coverage from the *New York Times* to NPR. ■

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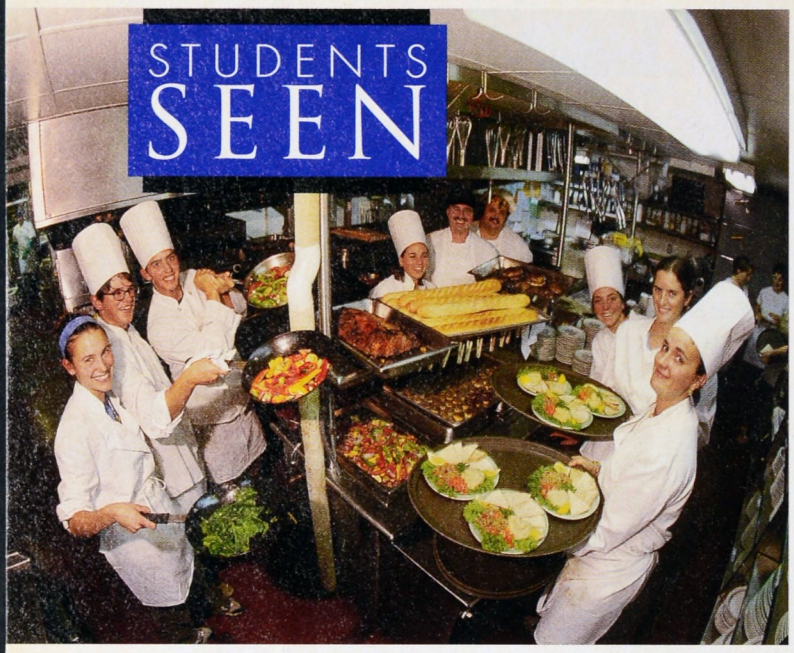


Dining with Dolci

The sweet story of a gourmet cooking club

By Rachel Morton

Above: The cooking crew with the fruits of their labor. Founder Jill Santopietro '99 is fourth from the left.

5:30 The kitchen

It is the calm before the storm. The cooks have been here in this basement kitchen since 1:30 in the afternoon, chopping and sautéing, kneading and baking. And now they confer on details, making last-minute revisions, assessing options, like so many generals before going into battle. In the kitchen, everything stands in readiness. The prime rib is "resting," the salmon steaks have been sautéed and are awaiting final flame grilling; the chicken has been stuffed and baked with pesto and ricotta and it awaits its final pesto garnish. This is Dolci, a student-run "restaurant" on campus, where 84 lucky diners will, in a few moments, savor a meal fit for a king.

There is an air of happy expectation. In fact, happy seems to be the M.O. in this busy kitchen. The cooks are happy, the waiters are happy, the dining services advisers are happy. These kids love to cook and they are here working at Dolci because "It's fun!" Not everyone would think it is fun to spend their Friday evenings cooking a gourmet meal for 84 hungry customers, but this is a labor of love among friends, for friends.

Dolci was begun last January when Jill Santopietro '99 decided that she was sick of the institutional atmosphere and general crush of dining at Proctor. Since she and several of her friends like to cook, why not start a restaurant? She posed this question to Dining Services, and, "amazingly," she says, they took her up on it. So Jill and three friends brought in more friends, who in turn brought in siblings and roommates, and a year later a total of 35 students form a pool of cooks and waiters and washers who alternate Friday evenings.

Anyone can work at Dolci. Usually four preppers begin chopping on Wednesday; then Friday at 1:30 seven cooks, six waiters, and two dishwashers work themselves to the bone and collapse happily seven hours later.

6:00 The dining room

Diners, who picked up their tickets on Tuesday at the Grille, have been standing in a somewhat dim basement corridor of the Château, waiting in line for the best-kept secret in Middlebury dining. Some are first-timers, but many are "groupies"—people who have eaten at Dolci before and quickly realized that with the swipe of a dining card they could have a dining experience equal to that at many fine restaurants. At 6:00 the doors open and in they pour—mostly groups of students who chatter and laugh and quickly take their places around one of 12 round, linen-clad tables in the softly lit basement room. Dress ranges from grunge to grand, and as the Otter Creek Quartet begins warming up, the swinging doors to the kitchen burst open and the wait staff stride out amid cries of, "Hey, Pedro!" and "What's for dinner, Andrew?"

6:05 The kitchen

All hell has broken loose. The kitchen is blasting with Pink Floyd and all is in motion. The zuni roll, one of several appetizers, is being drizzled with raspberry chipotle sauce. The waiters waltz and wheel out the door to excited calls from the front tables. "Oooo that looks good!" as the waiter brandishes the tray full of beautiful appetizers to the table. "What's that? Oh, I want a zuni roll!"

Inside the kitchen, Kelly is

Photographs by Bob Handelman

sautéing green beans in a large flat fry pan as Richard O'Donohue, a chef with dining services, oversees her technique. "Like this," he says, jerking the pan, "front, back, full circle," he recites as the green beans make a perfect loop in the air and land back in the pan. Kelly gives it a vigorous snap, and her unruly beans take a rather roundabout loop back to the pan. "There you go!" O'Donohue encourages. Cook Christina Cinelli '01 has nothing but praise for "Richard and Tony," from dining services. "They're so respectful about our abilities. They know when to teach you and when to let you figure it out. It's amazing we can have this experience. We're not just making spaghetti, you know. It's a wonderful opportunity."

6:25 The kitchen

The appetizers have made way for the entrées, and Pink Floyd has made way for Joe Cocker singing "A Little Help from My Friends," which seems extremely apt as an assembly line of sorts has formed to get the dinners out the door. Snatches of directives are yelled out above the sound of music and the sizzle of salmon grilling: "I have a well-done prime down here" /"We need more plates"/ "Another chicken, please"/ "Whose ribs are these?/ "Wanna run this out to Andrew?"

The plates make their way down the line, the garnish gal does some artful restructuring of each scoop of garlic-mashed potatoes, and out the door they go. One waiter crashes the swinging door into another waiter who makes a heroic tray-rescue to wild applause and cheers. Kelly grills the salmon, Joe is up to his elbows tossing salad. Lissa is in the walk-in freezer cutting up the deadly "mud pie" for dessert, jumping up and down to keep warm.

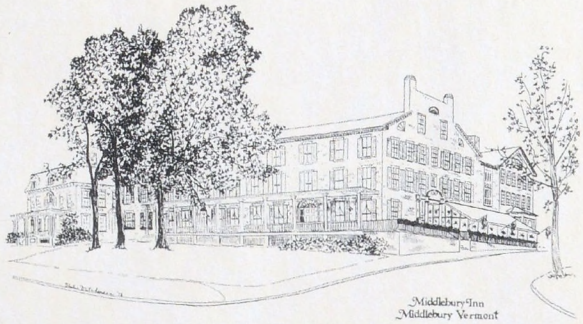
6:50 The dining room

Diners are deep into their mud pie. Very deep. The tables divide, spiritually, between apple crisp à la mode with caramel sauce, and mud pie, with mud pie ahead by a hair. This is a dessert for chocoholics: Oreo cookie crumb crust, coffee ice cream filling, with a chocolate topping. The room breaks into a cheer as mud pie man Dave Gurtman '01, in white apron, steps out of the kitchen eating a plate of mud pie as he walks. "Hey, Gurtie!" He blinks in surprise at the applause and says, "Wait, wait. I'll bring everyone out," eager to share the praise with the rest of his cohorts.

7:00 The kitchen

Frank Sinatra reigns on the boom box and serious munching has begun. Dishes are being washed, counters swept clean, and the cooks and servers are standing around and walking around and talking around, eating and nibbling and eating some more. Finally there is time to talk to Jill, the woman who started this whole thing and who has been everywhere, doing everything, but with such total poise and aplomb, she looks like she was born to the business. But, unbelievably, she says she has no interest in doing this for a career. "I started a hockey team in high school," she says. "I started a lounge. I like to start things. I read this birthday book once. May 28, it said—You start things!"

She sure has. ■



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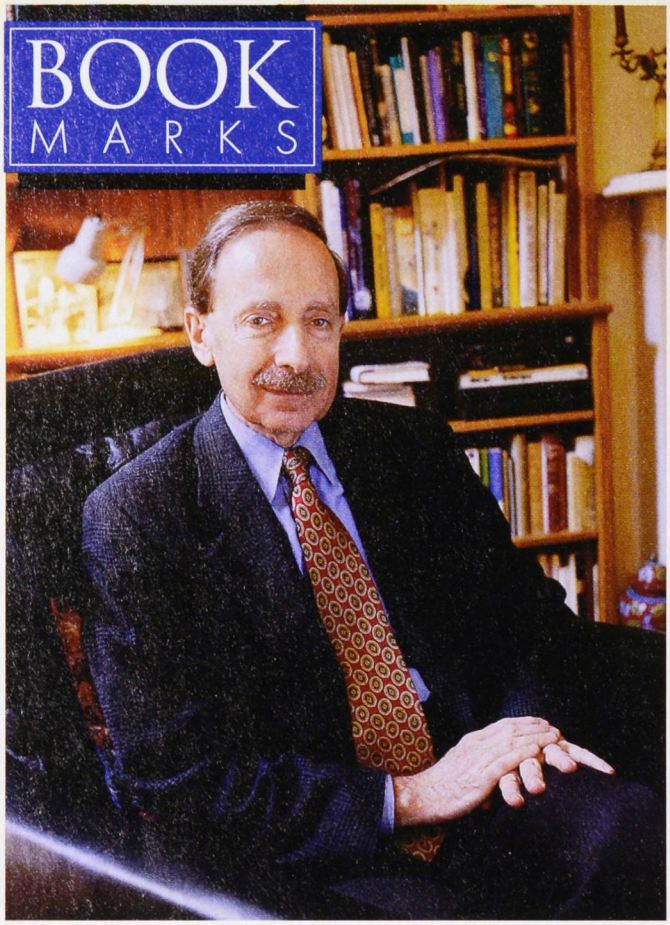

The Edge of His Seat

Mel Gussow '55 on all the plays you wished you'd seen, and a few dozen others.

By Regan Eberhart

For every theatre enthusiast who has fantasized about being a drama critic, paid to do what one loves, to attend shows and performances of all types, *Theatre on the Edge: New Visions, New Voices* by Mel Gussow '55 offers a front row ticket. The drama critic for the *New York Times* for almost 30 years, Gussow has written thousands of reviews and essays about the theatre. A rich sampling of these has been collected for this book, which for readers is a windfall—reading about some of these performances is almost as rewarding as having been there. Readers will experience the same excitement and moments of discovery that Gussow did as he witnessed extraordinary theatre and found talent in uncommon places.

Mr. Gussow views his profession of drama critic as one of discovery, not one of disparagement. For decades, he has searched for new talent, the new "visions and voices" of the theatre, the cutting edge. As he explains in his introduction, this talent is not usually found on Broadway. "In the last three decades, Broadway has retrenched and retreated.... With the exception of the work by Neil Simon, David Mamet, and August Wilson, and plays with proven success in London, new plays are no longer done with any regularity on Broadway." In addition to the more conventional venues, Gussow's searches have taken him to streets and parks, storefront theatres, Off-Broadway, Off-Off-Broadway, and regional theatres. "Often one finds these new visions and voices in the most unusual circumstances: in the dusk to dawn vigil with Robert Wilson; a visit to Ossining to see prison theatre (and the discovery of the incipient talent of an inmate named Miguel Piñero); at the Temple of Dendur in the Metropolitan Museum of Art for an evening of Noh."

Among the essays, readers will find Gussow's appraisals of playwrights such as Edward Albee, David Mamet, Thornton Wilder, Samuel Becket, and Eugene Ionesco; of Ingmar Bergman as play director; his descriptions of one-person shows, including those of a young Whoopi Goldberg and Calvin Trillin; his encounters with new vaudeville and circus; and of course, more traditional plays and musicals. Other essays include: Charles Ludlam: The Man Who Made Theatre Ridiculous; Robert Wilson: The Clark Kent of Modern Theatre; Michael Gambon: A Virtuoso Who Specializes in Everything; Peter Brook: Comedy, Tragedy and Mystical Fantasy.

Mel Gussow has become known as one of the "most perceptive voices in American theatre"—many of his discoveries have since won Pulitzers, Tonys, and MacArthurs. *Theatre on the Edge: New Visions, New Voices* (Applause Books, 1998) is a great way for the rest of us to discover "the theatre on the edge." ■

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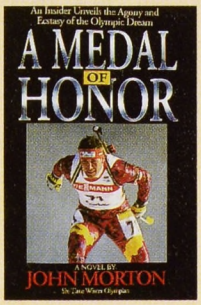
ALSO NOTED

How Far Will You Go for the Gold?

Six-time winter Olympian John Morton '68 knows well the personal struggles top athletes bear as they push themselves to the limits of their endurance, both mental and physical. He has drawn on his first-hand experience as skier, coach, and biathlon team leader in creating his novel *A Medal of Honor* (BookPartners, Inc., 1998), an exciting, fast-paced book about the world of international athletes as they participate in the Olympic games.



The story begins with Matt Johnson in the process of racing up a mountain as part of his preparation for the winter Olympics trials: "... he could actually feel the blood surging in the carotid artery of his neck and at his temples. His calves felt like frayed steel cables about to snap... 'Stop the pain,' cried an inner voice, 'back off, no one will ever know.' He ignored the voice..." Matt soon learns with the most prestigious games come the most serious moral choices, from illegal drugging for performance enhancement, to being faced with the choice—to save the life of a rival or go for the gold.

The Right to Recreate and the Evolution of Leisure

Whenever you need to put things in perspective, nothing works better than reading history. *The Right to Recreate and the Attempt to Amuse: Recreation and Leisure in the Towns of Addison County, Vermont 1790-1930* by Margaret Kline-Kirkpatrick '94 may help people count their blessings. These days, at least, one may dance without fear; however in 1840, one M.R. Keep was excommunicated from the Middlebury Congregational Church for having danced at a neighbor's party. He was neither the first nor the last to be chastised for his pleasures.

The book is Kline-Kirkpatrick's senior research project, which she revised three years after graduation for publication by Friends of the Library, Middlebury College. Her research is a detailed, eminently readable analysis of how people in and around Middlebury relaxed and recreated for over 150 years. Kline-Kirkpatrick traces the evolution of relaxation from the late 18th century, when people lived exclusively by physical labor, to the early 20th century when a more leisurely existence became possible. ■

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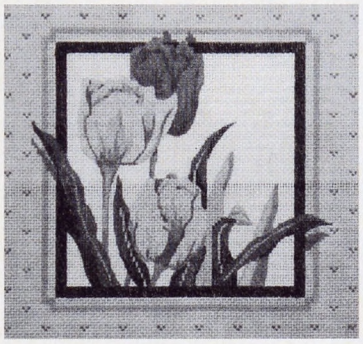

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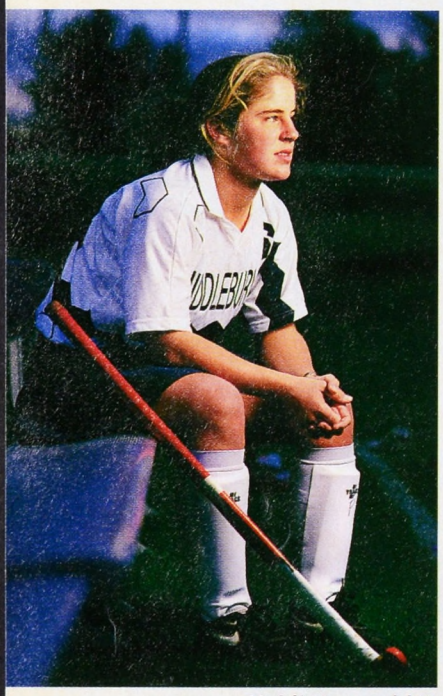
Sticking with It

By Rachel Morton



Heidi Howard '99

"Our coach asks us to push ourselves to our limit and I feel like I want to push myself to make her proud."

It's hard to keep your light hidden beneath a barrel when you are an athlete like Heidi Howard. The tri-captain of the field hockey team and co-captain of the lacrosse team has been racking up college and national awards during her four years at Middlebury like nobody's business. But try and get her to talk about it.

Heidi would rather talk about the team than about the fact that she was the Panther's leading scorer for all four years, the NESCAC's leading scorer for the past two seasons, and broke the record at Midd for most goals (66), assists (23), and points (155) in a career, for starters. In fact, when Heidi scored that 54th goal that broke the record, she tried to just keep playing the game, and when it was clear that her coach was marching out onto the field to present her with the game ball, she, according to her coach, "looked over at me with a look like, 'What are you doing out there?' She was mortified."

The senior from Syosset, New York, who is majoring in art history, has been an athlete practically as long as she can remember. By seventh grade she was playing field hockey, soccer, basketball, ice hockey, lacrosse, and she was figure skating. Then there was "the summer stuff." She admits regretfully that as she has gotten older she has had to drop more and more sports, just to have time to fit in the rest of her full life. So now she's down to just field hockey and lacrosse.

But in these two sports, she exemplifies what it means to be a good team player. When asked about her incredible success in field hockey, she credits the team: "We've played together for four years and I can anticipate where one of my teammates is going to pass me the ball. I just kind of know other people's styles of play and they know mine, and inevitably we're going to work well together. We really learn a lot about each other. Being that close, it totally helps on the field. We all get along so well— that carries over to our game."

Heidi lives in a house off campus with some former and current team players because the friendships forged by the experience of competing together has been so strong. "I love being part of a team. We're spending so much time together you're bound to get close friends." But as much as the friendships, Heidi just loves the sport. She loves going out to practice every day and working hard to improve her play. "For two hours a

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- **Three-time All American in field hockey**
- **Two-time All American in lacrosse**
- **More field hockey goals, assists, and points than any other player in school history**
- **Twice named to NCAA women's lacrosse all-tournament team**
- **National champ in lacrosse '97 & field hockey '98**
- **Trained at summer camp for the Olympics**

Photograph by Ken Burris

day you can forget about everything else. I love the competition. I love challenging myself."

Coach Missy Foote recruited Heidi from Choate and watched her develop over four years through coaching her in both lacrosse and field hockey.

"She is such a wonderful athlete in both sports. She is just unflappable. It's a little like her personality off field—nothing bothers her. The other wonderful thing about Heidi is she will work incredibly hard and she motivates people on the field by her work ethic. She never has thought she's too good to improve. That's one of the traits you want in an athlete."

For her part, Heidi feels that one reason she tries so hard is to please the coach. "Our coach is great. She asks us to push ourselves to our limit, and I feel like I want to push myself to make her proud. She is really motivating, and she knows what she is talking about—I respect her. When she makes us run up Chipman Hill, she's running with us. I don't know how old she is, but she's beating us. That's motivating." ■

All in the Family

It was déjà vu all over again for the Goldman family when the field hockey team defeated William Smith 3-2 in overtime to win the NCAA championship for the first time. Their daughter, Billie, a forward on the team, joined a thriving family tradition when the first-year student claimed her NCAA ring.

"What is so amazing is that each of the kids in their freshman year has won an NCAA championship," their father William Goldman says. "We have eight rings in five years with four kids."

The Good-Luck Goldmans: Clockwise from center, Billie, Ryan, Scott and Curt.

NCAA Championship rings went to Ryan Goldman '98 in hockey his freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years; Curt Goldman '99 in hockey his freshman and sophomore years; Scott Goldman '98 in hockey his first year, with his two brothers as teammates. And now Billie, in field hockey, her first year.

"This has to be an NCAA record for one family to have eight rings to their credit," William Goldman says happily. "It really has been magical." ■

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OLD CHAPEL VIEWS

E Pluribus Unum

By John M. McCardell, Jr.

Our commonalities, more than our differences, must ultimately define us as a community.

Perhaps you, too, have had a similar experience. If so, you understand.

Last summer, while on a trip to London, Bonnie and I visited historic St. Paul's Cathedral. At the easternmost end of this magnificent house of worship, behind the high altar, is the American Memorial Chapel, dedicated to the memory of those Americans who gave their lives during World War II. There one sees a stained glass window bearing the flags of every state in the Union. There one also sees a memorial book, listing by individual name every fallen soldier.

That alone is moving enough. But then one begins to peruse the list inscribed on the page to which the book has been opened. And there one finds the following surnames: Detweiler, Dewitt, Diamond, Diaz, DiBenedetti, Dickson. Americans all.

We may wonder whether they were rich or poor, black or brown or red or yellow or white, urban or rural, southern or northern, heterosexual or homosexual, native born or immigrant, Protestant or Catholic or Jewish or Muslim or atheist, young or old, single or married—whether they were more or less like us—but in the end, those things, which seem to matter so much to the living, and which seem far too often to be terms that separate us from our common humanity, evanesce in the silence as we cease to think of ourselves and think instead of them.

As we think, we perhaps marvel, again self-referentially, that names so different could unite in common cause. And for a fleeting instant, at least, the direction of our thinking is reversed. We wonder not whether or how they might have been like us but rather how we might somehow be like them and possess some measure of their valor, their commitment, their willingness to serve a cause that went beyond self, their ability to sacrifice their own wishes and subsume their own concerns for a greater good. We realize that history and memory properly care less about how we might define them in life than about what they represent in death.

As we take our leave, in silence, we are made humbly aware of the limited reach of our own understanding, which too often fails to go very far beyond self, and at the same time we are reminded by those names on that haunting page that diversity is meaningless in death.

The message of diversity to us the living, however, takes on new meaning, as we recognize that our commonalities, more than our differences, must ultimately define us as a community, that each of us possesses a whole host of defining characteristics and qualities, no one of which is exclusively ours, but the sum of which points us toward our common humanity.

This autumn, Middlebury College will welcome to campus, as part

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of the entering class, a group of extraordinary students who come to us as part of the Posse program. Based in New York, the Posse Foundation, which identifies talented students from the greater metropolitan area who may never even have heard of Middlebury College (or, if they have, thought it beyond their reach), has for 10 years given substance to the abstract notion that what unites us is far more important than what divides us. The foundation, working with partner colleges and universities, has demonstrated that diversity and community are not mutually exclusive terms.

Last December, it was my privilege to join several admissions colleagues as we chose the first Middlebury Posse. Our task was not easy: we were to meet 21 prospective students, culled by the foundation from a much larger original pool, and choose 10 to receive early decision acceptance to Middlebury. These 10 students will begin a 30-week program run by the foundation beginning in January, and will come to campus in September fully prepared to meet the challenges they will encounter here, and equally fully prepared to become active members of the larger community, committed to living, dining, studying, playing, not apart from, but as one with, the rest of the student body.

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Their qualities of character and intellect are sterling, their individual stories compelling: a Cuban-American who is captain of his wrestling team and who supports his family as a part-time clothing salesman; a Jamaican-American woman who has overcome diabetes and who participates in debate and publications; an African-American man who interns at a law office and volunteers at his local YMCA; an African-American man who has built a computer from scratch and has appeared in TV commercials for Captain Crunch; a Korean-American woman who plays tennis, jazz, and dances tap, and who states that "education is nothing without character"; a Puerto Rican woman who volunteers at a nursing home and conducts research in molecular biology with the Public Health Research Institute. These students, and others like them, have significant financial need, which the College will fully meet, and have already prevailed over challenges in their personal lives. They are exactly the kinds of students our college should seek to attract.

These students will have much to learn at Middlebury College, and much to offer. Though representing fulfillment of an institutional commitment to creating a more diverse student body, they equally represent our belief that quality comes in great variety and that, in the end, a community of learning is strengthened to the degree that it is willing to welcome to the common enterprise of learning all those who share a commitment to living the life of the mind.

In a larger sense, they recall E. M. Forster's well-known epigraph in *Howards End*, "only connect," and remind us of our own duty:

> "Only connect . . . . Live in fragments no longer. Only connect, and the beast and the monk, robbed of the isolation that is life to either, will die."

Howards End, written about the time that many of those young men memorialized in St. Paul's were born, is the name of a comfortable old farmhouse, a symbol of permanence and stability in a time of relentlessly pressing changes in values, ideas, and institutions. Modified by successive generations of inhabitants, maintained and strengthened by successive generations of stewards, Howards End and its elms, Forster writes, offered a simple message, "not of eternity, but of hope on this side of the grave."

We are offered a similar message, and we, too, act in the spirit of hope. ■

My Hans Brinker Complex

Sneaking into the Mother of All Speed-Skating Events

By Jim Renkert '81

The smell of old manure and the crowd I was packed into made me feel as if I was in a cattle pen—in fact, I was in a cattle pen. But there was no time to dwell on the irony of the situation; I was doing my best not to look conspicuous among the 16,000 people awaiting the start of the biggest event in Dutch sports. I was just hoping that the mob surrounding me didn't discover the intruder sneaking into the event that some had waited their whole lives for. It didn't help that "Alaska" was emblazoned on the back of my warm-up jacket.

I had arrived in Amsterdam only 48 hours earlier, virtually in the dark. I didn't know anyone in the Netherlands, didn't know where I would stay or how I would get around. The only Dutch I knew was "Heineken." I arrived with a mission: to skate the frozen canals like the storybook hero created by Mary Mapes Dodge in 1865, when she penned her children's classic *Hans Brinker, or the Silver Skates*.

This year Holland was having some of its coldest weather since World War II. I had received a call from New York speed skater Dave Phillips, whom I had never met but corresponded with occasionally. "The canals are frozen, the skating is good, and the forecast is for continued cold in Europe for at least the next 10 days," he said. I threw my gear together and caught the next available flight to Amsterdam.

My Hans Brinker complex can be traced to my childhood in Anchorage. Mary Mapes Dodge created magical visions of Holland that captivated my youthful imagination with windmills, wooden shoes, and frozen canals covered with skaters. I'd grown up on the outdoor rinks and ponds in Anchorage, and the idea of ice skating for miles across the winter landscape enchanted me. This romantic seed remained in me, although as the years passed, the idea of skating on the canals was relegated to the wishful "someday I'd like to do that" part of my psyche.

The romantic seed grew during the Alaska winter of 1995-96, which was unusually cold and snowless. Lakes, creeks, and rivers froze clear and smooth, and no snow fell to impede the travel of an ice blade. While fellow skiers cried over the barren winter, a group of us seized the opportunity to skate like we'd never skated before.

The lakes of a summertime canoe system had been transformed into a necklace of frozen rinks. We cavorted on a freshwater lake with a "tidewater" glacier—daring ourselves to touch the glacier's vertical face. One high mountain lake froze so clear and crack-free that it gave the unnerving feeling of being only as thick as a windowpane. As we skimmed over the top, we could look down 40 feet to the rocky bottom. Fish under the ice fled from our shadows, and we could even see an old snowmobile, lost 20 years ago or more, lying in 20 feet of water, a rope line from its front cowling floating upward and freezing to the surface, where just its end stuck above the ice.

My Alaska "adventure skates" of 1995 spurred an investigation into a rare but epic Dutch speed-skating marathon called the

Elfstedentocht—the Eleven Cities Tour—a one-day, 124-mile (200 km) race through 11 towns and villages in the northern province of Friesland. A marathon race that, because it was dependent on such extreme winter weather, had supposedly been held only 14 times in the 20th century. So when Phillips called me with the news that the race might be on, I was on my way.

Although I'd expected to be completely on my own in the Netherlands, I was lucky to find Dave Phillips waiting for me when I cleared customs. Dave and fellow New Yorker and marathon skater Carole Moore were staying with Tobias and Carmen Baanders, two Dutch friends they had met at marathon speed-skating races in Finland. We made introductions and headed to the Baanders' house, south of Amsterdam.

Less then two hours after I arrived, Dutch national television made the historic announcement: For the first time since 1986, the Elfstedentocht was on! The news washed over the Netherlands like a misplaced Aleutian tsunami breaching the dikes.

Something deep within the Dutch soul wakens when there is thick and smooth *natuurijs*, or natural ice. Taking to their "irons" and gliding through the countryside is their ancient birthright. With the cold weather and the announcement of the Elfstedentocht, a virtual national celebration begins. To complete the race as a *toerrijder*, or tour skater, earns the coveted Elfstedentocht Silver Cross, as cherished among skaters as an Olympic medal. Completing the race is so important that several top Dutch sprint racers abandoned training for the upcoming European Championships just to skate in the Eleven Cities.

The Dutch have been skating for centuries. The thousands of miles of canals that lace the country are transformed from summertime waterways to wintertime ice sheets that people glide over on skates, iceboats, and horse-drawn sleighs. Until the last half of this century, skates had wooden platforms and leather straps that could be attached to street shoes. In many areas of Holland skating was not only recreation but also transportation for farmers, housewives, merchants, and schoolchildren.

The Elfstedentocht race harks back over 200 years, when Friesan farmers needed a midwinter diversion and an excuse to socialize. One of the original goals was to stop for a drink in each of the 11 towns along the Elfstedentocht route. Gradually this grand tour transformed into the modern epic race. Since 1909 when the first official race was held, only 14 winters have allowed an Elfstedentocht. The story of each is mythic in Dutch sports folklore. Elfstedentocht winners are legends; Evert van Benthem achieved superhero status when he won both the 1985 and 1986 races.

The 1963 race should never have happened. Temperatures were around

Associated Press Photograph by Dimitri Georganas

0°F, but a fierce north wind plunged the windchill to -55 and colder. Of 9,000 starters, only 69 finished. Scores of skaters suffered frostbite. Three men allegedly lost their most prized appendage. Miraculously, nobody died.

Perhaps in retribution for daring to ignore Mother Nature, ice conditions were not suitable for another Elfstedentocht for almost a quarter century. During this interim a generation of Dutch skaters knew of the race only from stories and photos. Year after year, thick enough ice refused to develop. Some people had doubts that it would ever be cold enough long enough for the race to be held again.

The announcement by race officials in Leeuwarden sent us into a minor frenzy. Tobias had skated the Elfstedentocht in 1985 and 1986 and was a card-carrying member of the Elfstedentocht union. He was set to go. We Americans had a problem. To compete in the Elfstedentocht you had to be a member of the union, and the union had capped its charter membership at 16,000 people 10 years ago. We only had one option: in the next 30 hours find three association members who weren't going to race. Tobias and Carmen went to work.

The next day, Friday, January 3, we drove to Leeuwarden to beg, plead, or bribe our way into the race. Tobias and Carmen had found some leads for us but none bore the fruit of the coveted Elfstedentocht license. We weren't the only skaters looking; many Dutch skaters were on the hunt as well. Overnight Tom Ryan, another New York speed skater, had flown in and joined us.

The registration hall was buzzing. The race had been announced just the day before but already vendors were hawking souvenirs with the race date and "Fifth Elfstedentocht!" on them. Tobias and Carmen networked. Unbelievably we came up with three licenses, enough for all of us to skate.

None of us slept much that night.

> We frequently crouched into ski tucks and coasted under the bridges. More than once splotches of blood on the ice told us that someone hadn't bent low enough.

At 3:00 A.M. on January 4, we arose and began final preparations. An elite division of the world's top marathon racers would leave at 5:30 A.M. Next would be the first group of 1,000 *toerrijders*, along with any VIP skaters. Included among the VIP skaters was Norwegian hero, triple Olympic gold medalist and *Sports Illustrated*'s 1994 Sportsman of the Year, Johann Olav Koss. Even Koss had to make a special request to be allowed into the Elfstedentocht. Every 15 minutes another 1,000 skaters would depart. Tobias would leave at 6:45. I was in the 8,000 grouping and would leave at 7:15.

And so on a chilly, windy morning I found myself packed in the Leeuwarden livestock barn awaiting the mother of all speed-skating events.

Out of the chute. We began the one-mile trek to the edge of the van Harinxma Canal where we put our skates on. Most skaters wore an old pair of shoes and simply tossed them behind. The next day the registration hall would have a pile of used (and very pungent) shoes free for the taking.

From the bright lights of the start, we headed down van Harinxma Canal and into the predawn darkness. Skating like high-speed phantoms, the first 40 kilometers barely required a caloric output as a stiff northeast tailwind pushed us over the canals and Sloter Lake. Some skaters wore headlamps. Within an hour an aluminum-colored sky illuminated the flat countryside. To my surprise I discovered that I was skating into a timeless Holland.

All the storybook images of my boyhood dreams were before my eyes, including the two most cherished symbols of Holland—windmills and wooden shoes. I expected windmills, but seeing wooden shoes caught me completely off guard. Called *klompen* for the *klomp, klomp, klomp* sound they make, wooden shoes still enjoy practical and popular use among Dutch farmers. The mills and shoes were just part of the treat; I skated past tidy farmhouses, water gates, bridges, and canal boats locked into the ice up to their hulls. Outside of the town of Stavoren, we skated alongside the massive protective dike separating Friesland from the Ijsselmeer.

If the images of Holland inspired the imagination, the crowds inflamed it. Thousands had descended on Friesland to cheer us on. The towns were jammed with cheering, stomping, and partying crowds yelling "Success!"—which in Dutch means "Good luck, go for it, and you guys are nuts!" My fellow blade runners and I waved and slapped high fives. Skating through the medieval towns became the highlight of the tour. Bands played, buoying our spirits and our attitudes, especially since the tailwind we'd been coasting with had turned into a strength-sapping head wind.

I worried about the head wind. According to the weather report, we would skate into the wind for over 100 kilometers. Long pace lines formed, with skaters taking turns breaking the wind. Compared to a mass-start ski race, where skis and poles fly every-

where, a speed-skating pace line is a breeze. Along with everybody else, I settled into the classic skating position with hands clasped behind the back, upper body bent slightly over, and legs rhythmically pushing out to the side. Throughout the tour, pace lines would form, break up, and reform. Occasionally somebody would fall and wipe out half-a-dozen other skaters.

Holland has thousands of miles of canals and thousands of bridges. We frequently crouched into ski tucks and coasted under the bridges. At times we even had to stop and crawl on hands and knees. More than once splotches of blood on the ice told us that someone hadn't bent low enough. In other sections *klunen*, hopping off the ice and walking for short sections (the skating equivalent of a portage), occurred. In these sections volunteers had laid down straw, rubber mats, and carpet to protect our blades.

With 40 kilometers to go, darkness descended. The elite racers had finished long ago. Still the crowds held their ground, unfailingly urging us on. To receive the silver cross, skaters had to finish by midnight. The course changed direction in the town of Dokkum, the last stop before returning to Leeuwarden. So did the wind. The final push to the finish would be with a tailwind. During this stretch I abandoned my most recent pace line, pulled over, and searched the European night sky for a sign of home. Even the collective electric lights of Western Europe weren't enough to obscure Ursa Major—the Big Dipper and the design on the Alaska flag. It reminded me that anywhere an Alaskan travels in the Northern Hemisphere, a sign of home isn't too far away.

I glided across the finish line at Leeuwarden after almost 14 hours of ice time. My years of ski racing and outdoor funhogging in the Alaska wilderness had paid off. I felt tired, triumphant, and ecstatic. I'd fulfilled a dream, become one of the first Americans to ever skate the Elfstedentocht, and had enjoyed every minute of it. Fellow skaters were dropping to their knees and kissing the ice on the finish line. Dave and Carole skated the whole way together and finished in 9 hours. Tom finished in 12 hours but would experience near tragedy. The relentless head wind was especially bad during the desolate stretch from kilometers 129 to 174, between the towns of Franeker and Dokkum. The wind and the cold conspired to nearly frostbite Tom's eyes. Just kilometers from the finish, his blurry vision caused him to crash into the reeds alongside the canal. One of the other skaters heard his cries for help, got him back on his feet and guided him in. Although his eyesight would be blurry for a couple of days, he suffered no serious injury.

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Littering the hall were scores of skaters, those who had finished and those who had been forced to give up. Of 16,000 starters, fewer than 12,000 finished. Blitzing the course at an average speed of over 28 kph, brussels sprout farmer Henk Angenent outsprinted three others to claim the overall title in 6 hours 49 minutes. Klasina Seinstra would claim women's honors, crushing the course in 7 hours and 49 minutes. Angenent's picture would be everywhere in the Netherlands for the next week. Seinstra's achievement would not receive a fraction of the attention it deserved—ironic, since it was little Gretel Brinker who won the silver skates in the children's story, not her older brother Hans. Early in the race, Angenent told one of his fellow elite racers, "This is one of the most beautiful days of our lives, even if we don't win." All of Holland would embrace his triumph—the thousands who cheered us on in Friesland and the 11.2 million who watched on television.

For another week, Nederlanders would embrace the freezing weather and lace up their skates. For the first time in memory, shops sold out of long-bladed speed skates as a new generation discovered, and an older generation rediscovered, the joy of sliding over *natuurijs*. From the famous Kinderdijk near Rotterdam to the canals of Amsterdam, thousands of Nederlanders were taking "ice holidays" and exploring their frozen heritage.

I joined my new Dutch and American friends on several of the skating tours—there is no better way to see Holland in the winter. I saw almost nobody on figure skates or hockey skates—strange, I thought, in a country that can claim such a skating ancestry. When I asked Tobias about it he laughed: "This is the way skating is meant to be in Holland. Why would we want to confine ourselves to a tiny rink and go in circles when we can make long smooth strides that carry us across the entire countryside?" Why indeed? Along with thousands of his brethren, I'd found Hans Brinker.

Carpe Skatum! ■

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Coasting in Maine

The Joys of Retiring 12 Miles from a Lemon

by George Carey '58

My first thoughts of retirement came on the afternoon a colleague stepped into my university office and began to whine feverishly that his wife of many seasons would not do for him what the standing president of this crumbling republic seems to be able to get a young intern to do without much effort. This colleague was an odd concoction of Southern Baptist and Jonathan Edwards scholar, and as I turned an incredulous ear to his complaint, I began to hope that the floor would open up and consume this poor pilgrim before my eyes. When it didn't, and he finally left the office, I straightened up my desk, dropped a sheaf of uncorrected papers into my briefcase, and headed to the administration building to see what kind of early retirement packages the university had to offer.

This was not the first time in almost 30 years of college teaching that I'd experienced discontent with the academy. I found the old chestnut true: "The reason university politics are so vicious is that there is so little at stake." Moreover, a certain preciousness had invaded the institution where I taught, as well as a turn of mind that made it possible for a female graduate student to reprimand me for asking her to "man" a registration desk. I suspected then that the enterprise had soured beyond recall, and it was time to seek what was left of my fortune elsewhere. And so, two years after my visit to that administration building, at the still moist age of 60, I was gone.

Psychiatrists tell you that too much change is not wise. But I flew in the face of that advice when I retired from my job, left a 35-year marriage, and fled the suburban town that had been home for 23 years for a tiny village on the coast of Maine. I had grown up in Princeton, New Jersey, and this was the first time in my life I would be living beyond the shadow of ivy. The nearest college to Tenants Harbor, Maine, is Bowdoin, 55 miles to the southwest, the nearest university, the University of Maine at Orono, 92 miles northeast. I'd come to this working harbor every summer since I was a fortnight old. The enduring lure in Maine was a family compound, begun in 1893 when my great-grandfather, J. Edwin Smith, seeking refuge from the heat of Worcester, Massachusetts, bought land and established a foothold on the coast. It was his youngest son, my maternal grandfather, P.L. Smith, who, with money made on the market (he had a seat on the New York Stock Exchange in the boom years of the 1920s), built an 18-room "cottage" at seaside and then began to buy up houses and land until he had 14 dwellings, more than a mile of shorefront, a dock with a small fleet of yachts, a tennis court, and several offshore islands.

P.L. ran this fiefdom with the iron hand of an Otto

Illustrations by Cynthia Fisher

von Bismark. When he died, the property fell to a lesser lot, his four children. When they took over, the law of entropy set in with a wallop. They squabbled endlessly over the inheritance, my two uncles not speaking to one another for 25 years. The sisters tried desperately to patch things up, but they were no match for this kind of vitriol, and the animosity carried over to the cousins of my generation. Most of them speak only through lawyers in the paneled chambers of the Knox County Court House. A college professor friend, familiar with the minefield, once joked to me, "That family of yours makes the House of Aetreus look like the Trapp Family Singers."

By the time I removed to Tenants Harbor, I had sold out of the compound, keeping only a small Thoreauvian camp on a tidal cove at the head of the harbor. This I named "Deep End," since most of my friends felt that's what I'd gone off when I left my job, pulled up marital stakes, and departed.

Magazine articles advise retirees to keep busy, so the first thing I did when I moved to Maine was start a business. I took on a staff of 250,000 who worked like fury for me between May and October. Summer afternoons I'd take a chair out into the meadow and sit beside my hives just to watch all that coming and going. When a visitor would slap at a pesky bee, I'd make them desist: "Ease off there, that's one of my employees."

The next thing I did was to get married again. As a summer resident I lived at the edge of the sea and spent much of my time sailing a 40-foot yawl. When I remarried, I moved inland one half-mile and began life with a woman who owned two dogs, three cats, ten sheep, two geese, two ducks, and fifteen chickens. She was also a gardener, for whom the term "green thumb" speaks only to a tenth of her passion and knowledge. She goes out into the backyard ("for just a second, dear"), gets filthy dirty, and comes inside five hours later. In the process she has transformed her own piece of land from its former life as a graveyard for bottles and cans into a richly colored arrangement of vegetables and flowers. I willingly became her lackey. "Would you put the mulch right there, please, and when you're done with that, darling, I'd like that hydrangea moved to the side of the house, then if you're not too tired, I'd love another load of compost spread—gently—around the tomato plants." I soon became aware that the road to a garden was continually under repair.

It wasn't long before the sea beckoned once more. It had been quite a while since I had been offshore. But once offered a maritime resurrection, I signed on to help a friend sail his sloop from Maine to Rhode Island. We spent 30 hours driving the boat dead to windward in 20-25 knots of wind. I arrived in Rhode Island full sure that a man who would go to sea for pleasure would go to hell for a holiday. When I finally got back to our small farm I brought an oar into the kitchen and showed it to my wife: "See this, Susan? I'm going to take this bloody thing and drive it into your garden, tie one end of a tether to it and the other end to my belt, and I'm never going near salt water again."

Catching my drift, that fall my wife dragged me off to an Elliot Coleman lecture on four-season gardening in Maine. I learned that if you build a homemade greenhouse over a cold frame, you can walk into the structure on a sunny day in January when the temperature is 10 degrees and be in New Jersey. Moreover, if you reach inside the cold frame, your hand is suddenly whisked to Georgia.

That was good enough for us. We bought some lengths of PVC pipe, bent them into hoops, stuck them in the ground, lashed heavy-duty plastic over the whole rig, built a small door so we could get in and out, and discovered to our joy that we could supplement our midwinter meals with fresh spinach, radicchio, tatsoi, miner's lettuce, mache, and Swiss chard. Then one afternoon in late February, the wind hauled into the northwest and began to blow with some conviction, a two-day dry gale. The second morning I awoke to my wife's high, keening voice, announcing to the slumbering household that the greenhouse had been carried away. Within minutes I was out there hanging onto the PVC pipe, trying to take a reef in the plastic, right back at sea, that dark and forbidding place from which gardening was supposed to deliver me.

The curious always inquire about Maine weather, how is it when you linger on the coast all year? Not unlike Vermont, I tell them, with its nine months of winter

and three months of pretty bad sledding. And when you ask Maine natives what they plan to do come summer, they'll tell you it all depends on whether it falls on a weekend. Down this way the lilacs sometimes bloom by Memorial Day, and the daffodils sway well into June. This pattern fits my puritan sensibilities and enables me to say with a certain smugness that living year-round in Maine is cyclical: first you get the mud, then you get the black flies, then you get the relatives. When the summer people finally do depart, they leave the best to us. Like Frost and Thoreau, we can walk into their deep woods and open meadows and take in their ocean vistas while they are back in the workaday world earning the wherewithal to afford their views.

The curious also ask about the isolation. We're not quite so removed as the early 19th-century essayist, the Reverend Sydney Smith, who claimed his church was 12 miles from a lemon. The village does have a local store and a restaurant. And 14 miles away there is a movie theater, one that reminds me of the old Campus Theater in Middlebury where Frank "Tex" Lambshire, who slept behind the screen inside, tended the marquee and frequently garbled his titles—"1001 Dalmations," "War and Piece." On a brittle February night my wife and I drove into the theater in Rockland, but after the first 10 minutes, the picture began to quiver, then wiggle badly, and then the screen went black. We stared at the empty screen for another 10 minutes until an authoritative voice from behind us announced, "I'm sorry. We can't get the projector working again, but come to the lobby and you can have your money back or a ticket for another show." We opted for the chit, then wandered out into the chill of a fine starlit night. We were halfway to our car when the same voice, more plaintive now, came over our shoulders: "Come back! Come back! It's OK. We found the part. It was under the chair."

So I wind down my days, reassured by life slightly askew, content with simple pleasures, easing expenses with home-grown produce and barnyard fare, and, for better or worse, never too far from my roots.

When I gave up seafaring, the only vestige I kept was an old Alden ocean shell with a sliding seat and 12-foot oars that I used to explore the coves and tidal creeks along the shore. Not long ago on a quiet fall afternoon, I rowed the shell over to the seaside cemetery, a graveyard that abuts the harbor at its western end and holds a few of my relatives: my grandfather, my two uncles—you can bet they don't lie shoulder to shoulder—a cousin of my generation who died unexpectedly. I wandered among the stones for a time, while the angular fall light set the rock maples afire. Then I turned down the incline toward the water, surveying the cemetery for a good terminal site.

For years I'd had the romantic vision of my ashes being scattered across the mouth of the harbor, but then I began to think about what would happen if I died in late January. Some poor soul would have to commission his boat and go out there on those cold, gray sweeps to deliver me up. Then, too, there were stories I'd read about people who were hired to spread ashes over the ocean but who simply carted them to the town dump.

I wouldn't have minded my ashes set to rest in the Tenants Harbor town dump, back when it really was a town dump, with old man Crow Morris as the proprietor. The idea of Crow keeping an eye on my remains while the sea gulls picked over the nearby refuse suited my sense of well-being. But Crow himself was dead now, and the dump had gone modern. It wasn't even called a dump anymore; they had a compactor. I didn't want to be squeezed together with a lot of plastic bags and shipped off to some sanitary landfill back in Augusta. Best to opt for more permanent terrain closer to the heart's desire. That spot over near those low bushes at the southeastern corner of the graveyard looked fine.

I walked down to the beach and got into the shell. The water's surface was as flat and still as an inland lake. I pulled away from the shore, laying heavily on the oars, giving it everything I was worth, due east, right out the harbor. An epitaph might be good, I thought. Why not,

The Harbor was his Heaven.
God knows where he's off to now. ■

George Carey '58 is not the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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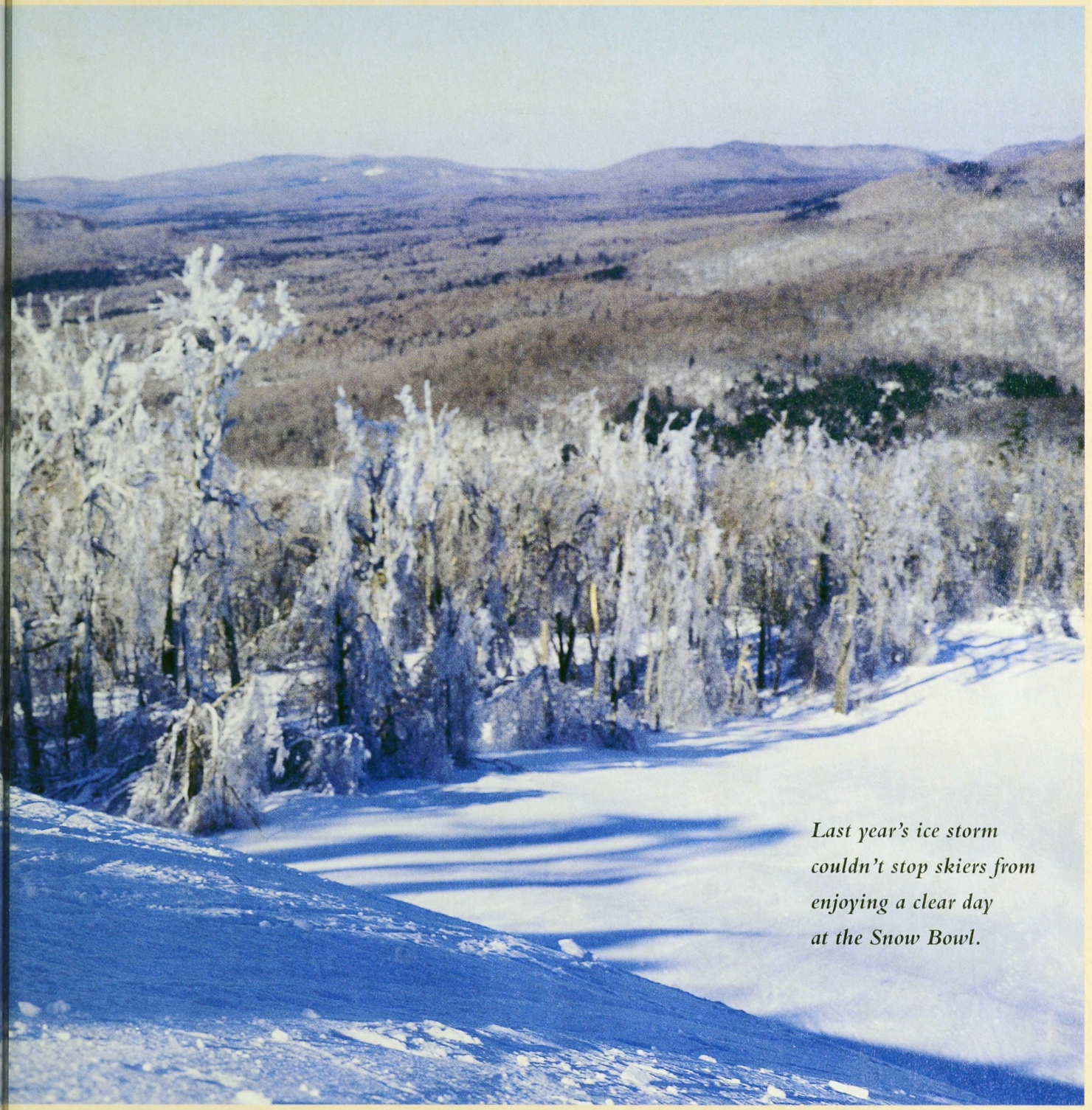

Last year's ice storm couldn't stop skiers from enjoying a clear day at the Snow Bowl.

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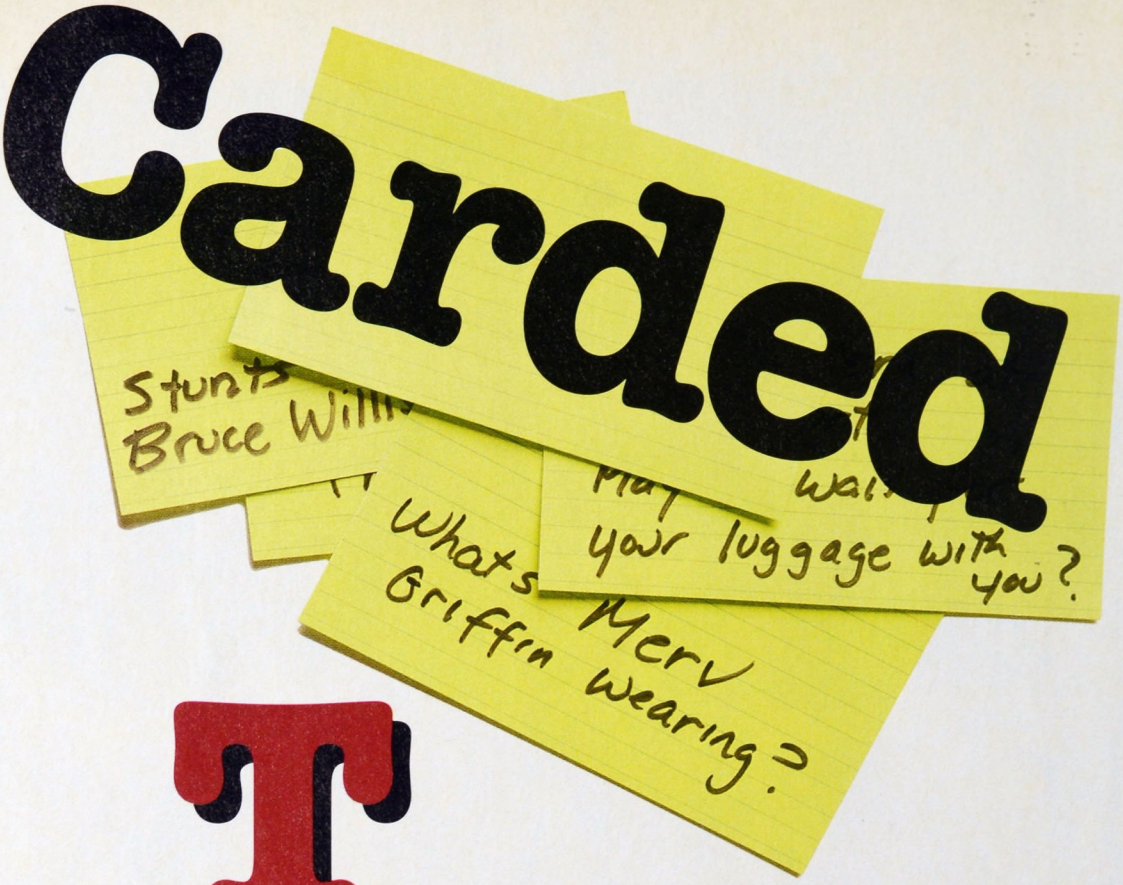

Young Writer Stays Up Late for Letterman

By Sam Silverstein

The glamorous world that Rodney Rothman '95 inhabits has fewer celebrity-associated knickknacks on its walls than you might think. A pair of autographed James Brown "Love Machine" boxer shorts hang on a nail above his desk. Sally Field's spit on a piece of plywood—laminated for posterity—sits in a pile of props in the far corner of the room. Somewhere in Rothman's desk is a picture of him with Hanson, but it'll take him a moment to find it.

Mostly Rothman's universe is plastered with index cards. Each one contains no more than a sentence—sometimes just a single word—intended to capture a moment of comic inspiration:

"Nobel Prize Winner Jumps On Trampoline,"
"German Beer Drinking Songs,"
"Art Garfunkel Shoots Free Throws,"
"Dave Cuts Himself and Bleeds Green,"
and, ominously, "Sesame Street Bloopers."

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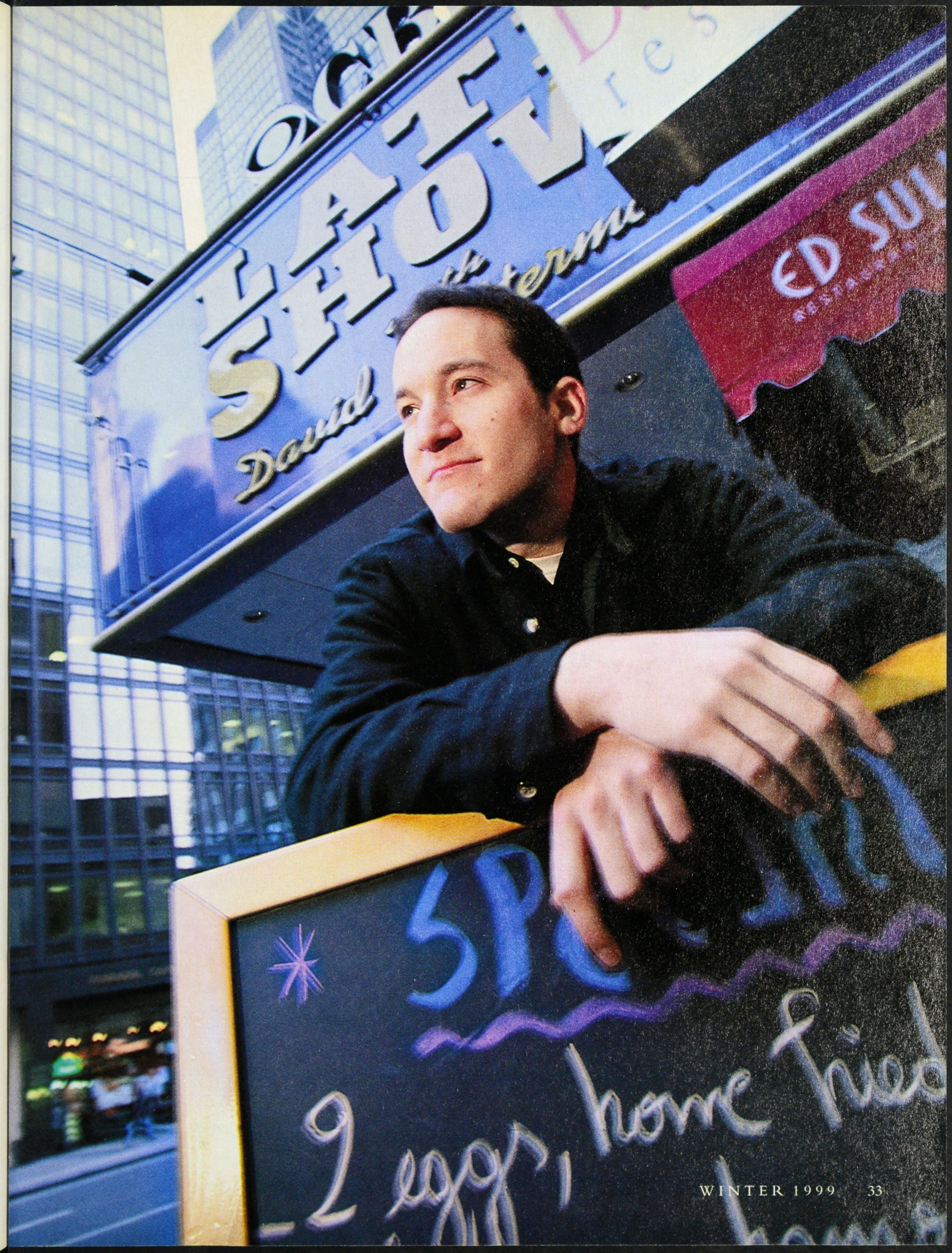
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David
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2 eggs, home fried

The Dave in question is David Letterman; Rothman is the head writer for *The Late Show with David Letterman* on CBS. In simplest terms, it's his job to keep the green index cards coming: to supply *The Late Show* with a torrent of ideas of his own, to organize ideas that emanate from a staff of 10 or so writers, and to develop those ideas to which Letterman gives his nod of approval, readying them for broadcast to a nightly audience that numbers in the millions. So yes, there are celebrities wandering the halls, and "pinch me" moments to be savored (compounded by the fact that Rothman is all of 24 years old, a mere three-and-a-half years removed from graduation). But Rothman's job also involves people management and writerly discipline and enormous expenditures of creative energy under pressure, all of which should be duly acknowledged.

First: Is there a story associated with that Sally Field spit thing?

"It's from a skit called 'Baseball Spit Art' where we had people spit on a piece of spinning plywood, and it made these patterns. Sally Field was on that night so she did one, signed it, and I got to keep it."

And James Brown's underwear?

"James Brown's signature on a pair of boxer shorts is a story I can't tell you."

Student Falls Asleep in Dorm, Wakes Up in Job Interview

There is no major at Middlebury for aspirant comedy writers. No seminar where the Rodney Rothmans of the world learn to sit around conference tables piled high with disastrous food and brainstorm new and different ways for Letterman to tug at his tie. No professors who can explain why puns aren't funny on television, or the proper angle from which to film a pair of legs protruding from a dumpster. These are things Rothman has had to learn on his own.

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But for a young man with an inkling of his aptitude for making people laugh, Middlebury offered something potentially more formative than all of the above—a captive audience. While on campus Rothman was a member of the Otter Nonsense Players improv group, wrote a column for the *Campus,* and otherwise explored the parameters of his talent in an environment where misfires went unpunished by his peers. "It's not like a bustling metropolis where they could go see real entertainment," Rothman says. "People used to come to our improv shows and laugh at anything. They were trapped."

There was never one cathartic moment at Middlebury when Rothman realized he wanted to be a comedy writer. In fact, when he arrived on campus in the fall of 1991, Rothman did not know that such a profession even existed. Over time, his world view expanded to include the realization that there was a professional outlet for what he liked doing on his own, and by his senior year, Rothman had his sights set on television. When not immersed in his column or the improv group, Rothman developed scripts—and even toyed with the idea of producing a *faux* weekly show, not unlike his current employer's, for his senior thesis. The prospect of paying his dues provided Rothman with the only source of indecisiveness in his postgraduation plans. Neophyte comedy writers traditionally develop sample scripts to convince agents of their worth, then work an endless circuit of meetings with producers in the hopes of being in the right place at the right moment when a writer's chair opens up. It can take years. Before Rothman had time to become discouraged, however, twin strokes of good fortune catapulted him from his dorm room directly into the belly of the profession.

During his senior year at Middlebury, Rothman was introduced to a writer at *Saturday Night Live* who invited him to pitch material for the show. Each Friday, Rothman would compile jokes he'd written based on that week's headlines and fax them to New York. Watching from the Mill on Saturday nights, he'd shush the bar when it was time for Norm MacDonald's "Weekend Update" segment, and cross his fingers.

Sure enough, MacDonald began using Rothman's material on the air—for better or for worse. His ideas at that point tended toward the raw. "There was always one joke I thought was so unspeakably raunchy and evil, I didn't even want to include it on my list. He always picked that one," Rothman says. "The second joke I ever wrote for 'Weekend Update' was roundly booed by the audience. And I'm sitting [in front of a television] in a tuxedo for the Winter Carnival ball with my date, looking at her like. . ." Rothman

Standing in the Ed Sullivan Theater, it's easy to imagine Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis chasing each other across the stage with fire extinguishers, while Señor Wences readies his act in the wings.

holds his hands in front of his face apologetically.

At roughly the same time Rothman's material was appearing, albeit anonymously, on national television, the head writer at *The Late Show* decided to add someone straight out of college to his staff for a fresh perspective. An ad appeared on the Middlebury Career Services Office's bulletin board inviting students to submit their resumes. Rothman mailed his application in May 1995, then received his B.A. in English and left for New York City and a job as an unpaid intern at MTV—a position that seemed like a crucial foot in the door at the time.

A month later, the phone rang: It was *The Late Show*. Could Rothman come in for an interview? At the appointed hour, Rothman found himself seated in an office at *The Late Show* headquarters in Manhattan with the show's head writer. Later that day he was marched upstairs to meet with Letterman himself. "It was so off the scale of what I could deal with that I was not even freaking out. I was just numb."

In late July 1995, Rothman reported to *The Late Show* for his first day of paid work. He was 21 years old. So much for paying your dues.

Promotion Entails Choreographing Donkeys

Writers at *The Late Show* are given a long leash. Letterman himself is a former comedy writer and defends his staff against meddlesome executives and other outside pressures. "This is a writer-oriented show, unlike movies," Rothman says. "There's nobody here from the studio telling me what to do or what demographic I should be reaching, which is great because it gives me a lot of freedom to do whatever I want. And it sucks because I can't point the finger at anybody when things don't go well."

The job can be a stressful one, and the attrition rate is high. During his first two and a half years with *The Late Show,* Rothman cranked out scripts contentedly while his superiors sweated the details. When the head writer position became available in January 1998, Rothman was already among the most senior members of the staff and had made a name for himself by handling the weekly "CBS Mailbag" segment with aplomb. At age 24, the title was his for the asking.

As first jobs go, head writer for *The Late Show* is like earning a Ph.D. and attending kindergarten at the same time. *The Late Show* offices at

Photograph by Bob Handelman

Broadway and 53rd Street in Manhattan occupy five floors above the Ed Sullivan Theater, from which the historic Ed Sullivan Show was broadcast live from 1948 to 1971. CBS renovated the facility for Letterman when he joined the network in 1993.

The theater serves as a perfect metaphor for *The Late Show* itself, which manages to be both cutting edge and retro. Letterman's appearance on the national scene in the early eighties coincides with the advent of the Age of Irony; his distinct style of self-referential humor and obvious insincerity dominates comic culture to this day. At the same time, however, *The Late Show* provides a window to the earliest days of television, when the variety show ruled. Standing in the Ed Sullivan Theater on an off day (*The Late Show* tapes Mondays through Thursdays), it is easy to imagine Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis chasing each other across the stage with fire extinguishers while Señor Wences readies his act in the wings. "The equipment might be better, but we're doing the show pretty much the way they did the show in the late fifies and early sixties," Rothman says while giving a tour of the theater, pausing between bandleader Paul Shaffer's keyboards and the oversized train set that serves as Letterman's backdrop. "This is a variety show. I'm here during rehearsal, and you've got a mariachi band, you've got donkeys, Alec Baldwin, guys in astronaut suits. And somehow I'm the ringmaster, trying to orchestrate all of these ridiculous elements. Sometimes I look around and think, this job is insane."

A Rodney Rothman Joke

If you were on campus during the 1994-95 academic year, perhaps you recall puzzling over the name Rothman chose for his column, "My Little Pony." If the name never made sense to you that's because it couldn't have. "My Little Pony" was an inside joke, unknown even to its creator.

Chris Farley picked Rothman up, tossed him over his shoulder, then carried him outside and deposited him in a dumpster.

"I didn't have a name for my column, and it just popped into my head," Rothman explains. "I got this perverse thrill from the fact that I would have to write the whole year under a name that I just came up with off the top of my head for no reason whatsoever. That's how it happened."

This is a Rodney Rothman joke: a moment of silliness, honed energetically after the fact. Rothman was not above rewriting his columns six times before they saw the light of day, even if the subject was the presence of space aliens on campus.

At *The Late Show* Rothman has had to pick up the pace. Five shows a week is a monster that eats comic ideas at a mind-melting rate. Keeping the faucet turned on—brainstorming in one form or another takes up part of every day—while simultaneously cultivating ideas from his staff consumes 60 hours a week, easy. "We're always working on a couple of pieces a few weeks ahead of time, and we're always getting caught with our pants down, as the saying goes," Rothman says. "At least once a week we're trying to figure something out at 12:30 in the morning for the next day. If I'm doing my job, then that doesn't happen too often. Which means it happens all the time."

Compounding the challenge is the mysterious nature of the craft. There are certain wells a comedy writer knows he can dip into for predictable laughs, Rothman says, "And when it's 12:30 in the morning it's time to get the bucket." But there also is a dimension to comedy that cannot be reduced to a formula.

Case in point: Rothman once spent six months developing a sketch ("piece" in industry parlance) for "CBS Mailbag" in which Letterman ostensibly needed to gain weight for a movie role, à la Robert De Niro in *Raging Bull*. Videotape was created of Letterman eating entire wedding cakes and immersed in tubs of mashed potatoes. The punch line was footage from the supposed film in which Letterman—wearing a fat suit—appeared for a split second as a waiter in a restaurant.

"That was it; that was the whole joke," Rothman says. "We did this for months; we shot Dave gaining weight. We waited to get the right people to be in the movie scene. We were really excited about it. We thought it was great. . . .

"Then there was this other letter: 'Dear Dave, what is your favorite gum?' " For this, Rothman cranked out a piece in which Letterman expressed his preference for Juicy Fruit and was shot by a disgruntled Chiclets delivery man. "It took me five minutes to write," Rothman says, "and played about 500 times better. That's this job in a nutshell: you never know what's going to happen."

Eric Estrada Appears at Beck and Call

Rothman doesn't really have time to be in awe of his surroundings. Still, when you're working in the headiest stratum of the entertainment industry, a moment's pause is inevitable. During tapings, Rothman stands against the back wall of the theater clutching a yellow notepad to record ideas and observations. Occasionally the room will swim a bit.

"There are definitely times when all of a sudden you say to yourself 'David Letterman is going to do comedy I wrote?' It's not an indulgence I allow myself too often, but I think it's only natural." Great comedians—Bill Murray, Steve Martin—who are "heroes" of Rothman's predictably inspire amazement when they appear on the show. The music fan in Rothman thrills at the opportunity to stand within a few feet of an Elvis Costello or R.E.M. while they play.

Then there's the Eric Estrada phenomenon. In the writers' room, few ideas are considered too outrageous to consider—even those that hang on expensive props or obscure celebrities. *The Late Show*'s cachet is such that anyone is in play.

"Here you begin to feel like this sorcerer whose only magical ability is to conjure up third-rate celebrities at will," Rothman says. "I'll say, 'We should have somebody say this,' and someone will say, 'What about Donny Osmond?' and someone else will say, 'What about Eric Estrada?' and 12 hours later you're standing on stage with Eric Estrada, who's asking us if we want another take with more eyebrow work. That's when you pause and take a breath."

The Stuff They Don't Teach You in College

"Tom Hanks was on the show a couple of weeks ago. The premise was that he shows up wearing the same suit that Dave has on, then he goes out and gets something to wear and comes back wearing the same thing that Paul has on. It's the kind of stupid idea that someone like Tom Hanks can make entertaining.

"With two minutes to go before the show, Dave becomes concerned that Tom Hanks' suit isn't going to match his suit exactly, so he hands me his sport coat and says, 'Find out whether the jackets match.' I run out of the theater, up four flights of stairs fast as I can, carrying Dave's jacket to Tom Hanks' dressing room. When I get there it's, 'Sorry Mr. Hanks, I just have to compare... this looks great... Good luck. See you out there.' Then I run down four flights of stairs into the theater and meet Dave within five seconds of him walking out onto the stage."

And there was nothing at Middlebury that prepared you for this?

"Running up four flights of stairs to give Bob Pack his jacket just wasn't the same experience."

The Ugly Dark Side of Outrageous Success at an Early Age

An otherwise fabulous job in entertainment comes with a catch: people form strong opinions of what they see on television and feel entitled to express those opinions straight to Rothman's face.

"It's something that everyone reacts to," Rothman says. "I'll be at Passover with my family, and my great uncle Al will spend 45 minutes telling me everything our show is doing wrong, and everything that Milton Berle did better: 'That Dayvoid Lettiman, I just don't find him funny. That Big Ten List he does, I don't like the Big Ten List. . . .' "

But even this ugly, dark side of show business has a glitzy silver lining. If *The Late Show* head writer's profile is sometimes painfully high, the position also serves to keep Rothman in touch with a network of friends, family, and fellow Middlebury alums across the country. When Rothman appears on camera, they really come out of the woodwork.

The night that Rothman was planted in the audience to play a crucial role in comedian Chris Farley's entrance was perhaps his greatest moment of glory. Farley burst through the back door of the theater and raced his way through the audience, slapping high fives and dispensing massive chest bumps en route. When he got to the front row, Farley picked Rothman up, tossed him over his shoulder, then carried him outside and deposited him in a dumpster. The moment filled Rothman-connected viewers throughout the land with pride. "The piece aired at 11:53, and at 11:55 the phone starts ringing," Rothman says. "It's people I hadn't talked to in eight years, who just saw Chris Farley throw me in a dumpster."

Comment in Alumni Magazine Causes Career Crisis

The only thing Rothman can say for sure about his future in the business is that his next job will be less frenetic. "The intensity of putting out a daily show that aspires to be very high quality can be pretty tiring. My next job, I'd really like to have a little bit more time." Movies, plays—even directing—all are contemplated on occasion.

With *The Late Show* atop Rothman's resume, he'll always have the option of working in television. "It's hard to break into TV," Rothman says, "but once you do, there are a lot of really bad jobs you can have. There always will be an opening at 'Unhappily Ever After' on the WB."

Pause.

"Except after this." ■

Sam Silverstein is a writer living in San Francisco.

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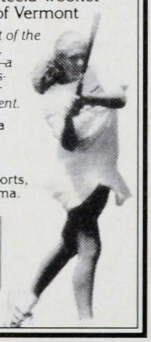

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CHAPTER NEWS

Spotlight on the Washington, DC Chapter

Eric Davis, Secretary of the College

Sally Paxton '78, Frank Sesno '77, William Delahunt '63, and Frank Pallone '73 gave their perspectives.

More than 80 Middlebury alumni, parents, and friends packed a meeting room in the Longworth House Office Building on Capitol Hill on Thursday, September 24, for a panel discussion organized by the D.C. Chapter entitled "Politics '98: Where is the News?" Participants on the panel included representatives Bill Delahunt '63 (D.-Mass.) and Frank Pallone '73 (D.-N.J.); Ari Fleischer '82, director of communications for the House Ways and Means Committee; and Sally Paxton '78, associate counsel to the president. The lively discussion was moderated by Middlebury College trustee Frank Sesno '77, Washington bureau chief for CNN.

The principal theme of the discussion, which took place just a few days after President Clinton's videotaped testimony before Kenneth Starr's grand jury was broadcast nationwide, was the disjunction between the "inside the Beltway" and "outside the Beltway" perspectives on the Lewinsky matter. Washington—both elected officials and the media—was intensely focused on the relationship between the president and Monica Lewinsky; the president's explanations of that relationship to his staff, the grand jury, and the American public; and whether or not the president would be impeached and removed from office. At the same time, the American public at large wanted its representatives to focus on the economy, health care, and the future of Social Security. The discussion of the panel presaged the results of the November elections, and provided those present with an excellent opportunity to hear from both participants in, and close observers of, the Washington political community.

The D.C. Chapter and the College express particular appreciation to Humberto Garcia-Sjogrim '96, who organized this most successful event.

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Radcliffe (Bunny) Lyon lives in a personal-care home near his daughter in Austin, TX. He has lived there for the last two years, after living in Dallas for 50 years. He takes a daily walk and enjoys singing. His only medication consists of "one baby aspirin per day." He likes to tell the story of how "he is still surprised he was able to get into the College." Unfortunately, transportation was not available for him to make the trip for his 75th Reunion last spring.

1925

Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

As chairman of the board of the Bank of Richmondville, **Ward Oliver** participated in the opening of the Schoharie branch of the bank on October 19.

1926

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A wonderful letter arrived from **Leland (Lee) Wilson** in October: "I entered Middlebury in 1922. Transferred to Syracuse Univ. in 1924, because of business program offered. Met my wife Pauline at Syracuse and married in 1927. Now married 71 years! Have been in wholesale food business but am now retired. I would like to hear from any other classmates, if still around. My wife and I are both 94 and still active." Thanks for writing, Lee! Please respond to Lee by writing to the address at the top of the column. ■ We regret to report the death of **Margaret Sturtevant Carboy** on August 12 and extend condolences to her daughter, Nancy Carboy Woodall '56, and all the family.

1927

Please send your news to the Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, *Meeker House, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

1928

Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978/369-5595).*

Before 1998 slipped away, I received nice notes from you and had pleasant conversations to tell you about. The College sent a new address for **Dorothy Kirk Simpson,** and I found her in her new location, a senior center at 118 Gennesee St., New Hartford, NY 13413, near her daughter's home. She has her own apartment and her own phone (315-793-3481) and reported that she enjoys the center's services. She was about to celebrate her 92nd birthday—not expecting as many balloons as she had on her 90th, but looking forward to being with her family. ■ It's a new address, also, for **Jane French Douglass**: 101 Valencia Ct. N., Plant City, FL 33567. ■ **Elizabeth Hayes Balch** writes that her cataract surgery was very successful. She, too, has a new area code: 541-582-3486. ■ **Helen Revere Hatch** had been trying to reach Jane and will be able to with this new information. Her 92nd birthday celebration was a three-day affair, with lunches and dinners with friends and family. She is definitely our "Cream Puff Queen," having recently made 100 cream puffs for a charity affair. As we spoke she had a request for 150 more. She will even be able to deliver them herself, since she is licensed to drive for six more years Envy, here! ■ **Ruth Simmons Dinkel** found an ingenious way to have her Chapel print framed. Her son, John, and his wife were visiting and they took it. Her granddaughter will return it at her next visit—all framed. ■ **Helen Bailey** wrote, marveling at Dr. Stephen Freeman. If you have received your Countdown, you will see him on page 2, as I did, with a smile all Château folks remember well. ■ Did you notice? President McCardell was wreathed in the "2" of "1928." And **Allyn White**, back for his 65th Reunion, is the son of "Pa" and **Edna Allyn White**, our classmate and our first class secretary. ■ I've been waiting to hear from **Fred Whittemore** about his 94th birthday. Remarkable! ■ Remarkable, too, was the life of **Mary E. Sawyer**, our classmate for two years in the Park Lodge-Music House days. She was a serious student, but we soon discovered her pleasantness and her delicious sense of humor. **Dot Perry** and I nicknamed her "Mariar," because Mary seemed too somber. She loved Middlebury, and we were somber, too, when we learned that she, an only child, couldn't return to school at Middlebury, because she was needed to care for her invalid mother and assist her father, a Methodist minister, in his parishes. I wrote to her to keep her in touch with her classmates and the College, and our correspondence proved to be a 60-year pleasure. She lost her father in 1941, but continued the care of her mother until her death in 1974. By that time, Mary needed help herself and so it was that life in nursing homes colored our correspondence, its frustrations described with humor. Mary died on September 22, 1998, a week before her 92nd birthday, in the Waterbury, CT, Nursing Home Center. She is survived by a second cousin, Elizabeth S. Kelly, who graciously kept me in touch. Mary was a credit to our class and to the College. ■ I also regret to report the death of **Eunice Smith Williams** on July 1, 1998, in the Glencroft Care Center, Glendale, AZ. She is survived by her son, Henry; his wife, Carol; grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

1929

Reunion Class

Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

"Freddie" (Fredrika) Alexander Burrows writes: "Seventy years have come and gone. They have rushed by so quickly that it has been difficult

to keep up with the times. I live in West Hyannisport on the southern shore of Cape Cod. When you travel this way, do stop by—I would love to see you. I could not possibly return to Middlebury without Ron '29, so am sending you greetings and wishes for a happy Reunion." ■ **Margaret Denio** updates us: "Since retiring, I have lived on five-plus acres in Charlotte, VT, on a hill with a view of some of the Green Mountains, including Camel's Hump. With the help of John Deere, I spend a lot of time outdoors in spring, summer, and fall. In winter, I try to catch up on reading, lectures, theater, and music, but fall far behind. Best wishes to all members of the Class of 1929." ■ Word has been received of the death of **Thelma Giddings Gates Travers** on October 11, 1998, in the health center at Wood River Village, Bensalem, PA. She was 90 years old on June 7, 1998. We send the sympathy of the class to her sister, Elizabeth Gates Tuttle '48, and all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We also regret to report the death of **Gladys Boyden Graves** on September 27. Her daughter, Cynthia Cranston, writes: "The Middlebury experience enriched her life in numerous ways throughout her lifetime. It was *her* school." We send the sympathy of the class to Cynthia and the family. ■ **Steve Saulnier** summarizes his recent life: "Retired in 1973 as emeritus prof. of economics at Barnard/Columbia after 39 years on that faculty (about one third on leave, including eight years in Washington), but continued living in New York and doing rather extensive economic and financial consulting. Moved in 1992 with my wife, Estelle, to a retirement community (Heron Point) in Chestertown, MD, where we had a daughter living and practicing law. To my immense grief, Estelle died in 1995, of a complex of illnesses. I continue to live on the "Eastern Shore," in a comfortable apartment, spending most of every day at an office in a separate location, writing an occasional "note" on the economy, reviewing books, traveling a bit (to Washington and New York fairly frequently, to San Francisco last summer) and doing some political work (on the Republican side). Reasonably good health and a supportive family (son, daughter, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren) make life pleasant and adequately exciting, even at 90." ■ From Lancaster, NH, **Barbara Langworthy Day** reports: "I am living at home with my brother, greatly restricted in my activities because of poor eyesight. I enjoy Talking Books a great deal, as I have always loved to read. My two girls are a great pleasure to me. One lives near Boston and the other near me. She is much involved in rescuing greyhounds that might otherwise be destroyed." ■

Helen Revere Hatch,
definitely our "Cream Puff Queen,"
recently made 100 cream puffs
for a charity affair
and delivered them herself.

1928

Ruth Moore Cann is living in the assisted independent-care center of Ingleside in Hokesin, DE. From 1994 until August of 1998, she had resided with her two daughters in Bowie, MD, and Wilmington, DE. Before that she had lived in Daytona Beach, FL. Her husband, Donald S. Cann '25, passed away in 1988. Her daughter, Allison Cann Guy, reports: "Ruth has been a very active golfer all her life and now she enjoys watching golf tournaments on television, walking, and socializing. She is a happy and active person, who is much in demand as a friend to everyone." ■ **Ada V. Felch** writes from Black Mountain, NC: "I'm still living at Highland Farms Retirement Center, but have moved to Laurel Hall, Room 25, as my arthritic knee makes me need more help than I could have in my apartment. There are activities here and I sing in a chorus. My nephew and his wife visit me from Nashville, TN. I'll not be coming to the reunion, but send greetings to my classmates of 1929." ■ **Ed DeNoyon** sends a few notes about his present life in Bishops Corner, CT: "70 years! Unbelievable! After a serious fall four years ago, I came to St. Mary Home for skilled nursing care. Here I have enjoyed letters, cassettes, even a bottle of vin nouveau Beaujolais from former students. A retired teacher friend reads to me weekly articles from the *Wall Street Journal* and news magazines. My daughter, who lives only about 12 miles away, visits and invites us to family dinners and her chorale concerts. Wife Betty's retirement center is adjacent, so she can visit daily. Here at the nursing home I participate in Bible study, sing-alongs, birthday parties, and exercise class. Betty and I sang duets at two musical evenings—"Tea for Two" and "Goodnight, Sweetheart." I still enjoy speaking French and attending the meetings of our Circle Français when it meets at Betty's. Our four grandchildren (all in their 20s) speak French, with some studying abroad. One has a major, one a minor in French. One is teaching part time for Berlitz. I should enjoy being with my classmates at reunion, but that trip unfortunately is too difficult now. Cordial greetings and best wishes!" ■ **Eula Cargill Kelley** makes it brief: "My children are determined—"hell or high water—to get both **Grace Cheney Greene** and me there. So expect us!" That's the spirit! We look forward to hearing from more classmates and anticipate a happy gathering for our Reunion in May. Letters from **Ruth Bly Illingworth** and **Newton Baker** will appear in the spring issue.

1930

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1931

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Spencer E. Norton (Ellen Kellogg), 27 S. Water St., Vergennes, VT 05491; and Mr. Walton T. Crocker, Ocean View, #218, 52 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105.*

Dick Fear was in HI in September, exploring the islands and returning to the site where he started his first book, *The Evaluation Interview*, 40 years ago. The book has been revised and reprinted four times. ■ We regret to report the death of **Lucy Booth Goodwin** on September 30. The condolences of the class go to her family, especially her daughter, Susan Goodwin Hopkins '60, Her sister, Rachael Booth Bookstaver '33, died on October 1. ■ **Mary Stolte Toomey** wrote that she was "bracing to spend the winter yet again in Grafton, as my bridge buddies have fled to the South. Wood carving and water colors look attractive. The old bones say, 'No, don't even *try* cross-country skiing!' I am thankful for nearby family and good books! Also solid, dependable legs! Best to y'all!"

1932

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Gray N. Taylor (Georgiana Hulett), 133 Lawrence St., Embury 28W, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.*

We regret to report the death of **Eva Tuttle Walsh** on October 15. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. We send the condolences of the class to her family.

1933

Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430, and Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757 (352/735-5761).*

With this column, we are pleased to welcome **Mary Duryee Weeks** as the new co-secretary for the Class of '33. Mary will be happy to receive notes and cards from you to assist her in the preparation of the class notes column in every issue of the quarterly magazine. **Mim Barber Brown** will continue to correspond with classmates to keep us all in touch with one another. If you did not send a note with your annual Christmas greeting, please take a few minutes to write to Mary as soon as you finish enjoying your reading of *Middlebury Magazine.* ■ It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Helen Easton Carpenter** on September 27. We extend the sympathy of the class to **Phil** and all the family. In 1993, the Carpenters received an Alumni Plaque, citing them for being "the epitome of the self-sacrificing and dedicated alumni of Middlebury." The citation continued: "For 60 years, they have graced this campus not only for reunion celebrations, but at every invitation from the College and with every opportunity available for better understanding of their alma mater. The team of Carpenter & Carpenter have shared the Outstanding Class Secretary Award for their work in enhancing communications with their classmates. They have uplifted Alumni Colleges and they have assured success at all levels for reunion celebrations. They have set high standards of service to the Col-

Hazel Haseltine Adkins '16 celebrated her 104th birthday on June 14, 1998, making her our 2nd oldest living alum. As we go to press we have just learned of her death on December 11. Memorial in spring issue.

lege, to their community, and to the academic world, and Middlebury is proud to claim them and to honor them today with the Alumni Plaque Award." A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ **Florence Martin Hubbard** reports: "Husband Stanley is recovering from a partial hip replacement, while son Harold carries on the farm. Daughter Margaret's sons have presented us with seven great-grandchildren. Twin girls born in June bring the girls up to five. All others of our descendants are male!" ■ Word from **Fenwick Buffum** is that he and Mil are very much on the fence in deciding whether/where they should move to an assisted care facility, as they increasingly require the benefits of helpers. Meanwhile, we wish them good luck. ■ Plans were under way for three of our loyal classmates—**Mary Omwake Dearborn**, **Ruth Nodding Hopkins**, and our new co-secretary **Mary Duryee Weeks**—to spend Thanksgiving at the latter's home. They always have a great time! ■ **Lois Lewthwaite Walter**, along with husband Ted, was among those unable to attend our reunion as they had planned. Her diabetes ran out of control and she landed in the emergency room of the hospital in which she had been the dietitian for 20 years. Her instability made the trip far too risky, reminding her that "five years make a big difference in one's health at this time in life." Like other classmates she had hoped to see at reunion, she was appalled to learn that only three made it! ■ Thanks to the 10 classmates who have written delightful and detailed accounts of how and what they are doing. Do bless **Mary Duryee Weeks** with a flood of newsy mail as a thank-you gesture for volunteering to serve as co-secretary. Write to her at the address shown in the heading of this column. Think early, and get the news to her by the beginning of January, April, July, or October, so the news will be as current as possible when it goes to print!

1934

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

Congratulations to Ray and **Helen Burt Wright**, who went to Mexico for their 50th anniversary with their two children and spouses and two grandchildren. After 40 years, Ray retired from General Electric, so they now enjoy traveling with Elderhostel. ■ **A. Victor Erkkila** was back on campus this fall, when he climbed the steeple of Mead to show his daughters and grandson the carillon he played as a student. ■ It was gratifying to receive many replies to our birthday card greetings. **Leonard Snow** wrote from Ausable Forks, NY: "I have become a survivor. On my 87th birthday, I played 18 holes of golf with a young friend and shot 84." Bravo! Leonard and wife Delina celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary recently. Their son, their two daughters, and their grandchildren all live in NY State and are doing well. They are so fortunate! ■ Now retired from her work at the Univ. of CT library, **Lovina Foote Goodale** continues to live in her home in the University Complex. ■ Emma and **Edward Roller** had to make the "traumatic" decision to leave their home of many years to move into a retirement community. Their new address is 1 Chatfield Dr., #320, West Hartford, CT 06110. ■ Bless **Polly (Mary) Moore La Croix** for her three letters. She has lived in the retirement community of Heritage Village in Southbury, CT, for many years. Her daughter and son live not too far away. She also has adult grandchildren and news of a great-grandchild. Polly has been active in Al Anon and is sponsoring three young women. Also, in August, she had just finished tutoring one young woman in English to enable her to receive her high school diploma. ■ We extend our sympathy to **Alice Parsons Harris** whose husband, Harry '37, died in August. Alice has sold their home and moved into a condo in New London, NH. ■ In July, I (**Eleanor Orde Reid**) flew to Vancouver to join 22 university travelers for a trip through the Canadian Rockies. Traveling along the Fraser and Thompson River Valleys on the Canadian Mountaineer train, we overnighted at Kamloops and reboarded to enjoy lakes, waterfalls, and snow-capped peaks—including Mount Robson, the highest mountain in the Canadian Rockies. Entering the northern gateway to the four national parks that protect almost 8,000 square miles of scenic wilderness, we headquartered at Jasper Park Lodge and journeyed by coach to Lake Maligne, the largest glacial lake in North America, where we enjoyed a boat ride around the lake. The trip from Jasper to Banff National Park took us along the Icefield Parkway, where we rode the "snow coach" onto the Columbian Icefield and walked on the 1,000-foot-deep Athabassca Glacier. Both Château Lake Louise and the Banff Springs Hotel featured 19th-century European architecture in beautiful surroundings. After a farewell party where we all hoped we might meet again, we took a fast trip to Calgary and I flew home via Toronto and Boston to Lebanon, NH, where I am left with the memory of mountains majestic and magnificent. ■ Since our fall report, we have learned of the deaths of several classmates: **James B. Fish, Jr.**, in July 1997; **Winifred Bland** and **Torvo Aalto**, both in July 1998; and **Grace Buttolph-Wright** on October 7. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families.

1935

Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

Last summer, **Avis Fischer** went to Cape Cod and Nantucket for a short, but very busy, excursion with her sister, Ginny Fischer Ellison '38. "We found it very unchanged in the 40 years or more since going up that way. Enjoyed every minute of it!" ■ On September 2, we lost another classmate, **Gerald O. Barrett**. At Middlebury, he was a science student, active in freshman football and intramural sports, and he was a *Campus* tryout. We send the sympathy of the class to his family. A memorial appeared in the fall issue. ■ An article in the Martinez (CA) *Record* outlined the lifelong efforts of **Jean Wiley Zwickel** and her husband to promote peaceful approaches to solving national problems. They have been active tutors for literacy and work to promote Puerto Rican independence.

1936

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. M. W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, Odd Fellows Home, 200 Pleasant St., #273, Concord, NH 03301.*

Martin J. Tierney reports that he and wife Karline "visited Stockholm on a short weekend special and enjoyed it very much." ■ **Bill Carter**'s health has improved enough to enable him to enjoy easy chores in his garden. This is doubly important in view of his many years with the Audubon Society, his interest in forestry, the local Conservation Commission, solar houses, landscaping in their rugged mountain setting, and his ongoing nature study, especially with birds. At Heidelberg following Middlebury, he says, "I found my vocation"—the English language. Later came a Ph.D. at Harvard and ongoing study at Connecticut College, MIT, and Yale, to the chairmanship of the English dept. at Clark Univ. for the 13 years before retirement in 1984. During his many teaching years, "England became my favorite country abroad," with frequent trips, both for study and for travel to historic sites of literary significance. Over the years he took many enjoyable three-week tours. At 55, Bill married again, noting that Lorna and Harriet were "both great teachers." Harriet, who is younger and still teaches, "brought me five wonderful stepchildren." As with all of us, we hope the Carters maintain their present levels of health. ■ **Velma Sutliffe Francis** is not only well, but is still able to travel. In fact, she was in England recently. She visited her sister on Cape Cod in August and had lunch with Ray and **Harmony Buell Cobb**. She likes FL and keeps active with swimming and walking. ■ Finally reached **Barbara Binkerd Monahan**, after many unsuccessful attempts. No wonder it was hard to catch her; it leaves one breathless to hear of her many activities. After teaching school for many years, she volunteers (computers and Spanish) once a week at a magnet school, has researched a book on the history of Manchester, CT (out in print soon), works in a Worcester, MA, library, and etc. ■ Thanks to Barbara, we were able to find out that Henry and **Marion Hook Nyberg** are now in the assisted-living section of a retirement community in Auburn, MA. Fortunately, their three children are all in New England, with one son nearby in Worcester. ■ A great reunion took place this summer, when **Ginny Rich Woodman** was a guest, along with Don Westin '38 (widower of **Bets Laws Westin**), at **Ginny Phillips Whitney**'s home in Blue Hill, ME. They got together with **Barbara Lyons Steele**, who also lives in Blue Hill. Although they were all conscious of diminishing energy and various ailments, it wasn't enough to cut down on their endless conversations. ■ Max and **Ret Hanson Herrington** had lunch with Ginny Woodman on April 23 in Frederick, MD. The Herringtons were on their way to the Great Smoky Mountains and to see their daughter in KY. On July 31, Ret's son Bill and grandson Kelly camped overnight in Frederick, MD. ■ **Roxanna Lewis Blackmore** writes: "At this time in life, we are very lucky that we can report 'nothing!' Nevertheless, she reports that her son has acquired a Morgan horse, "mostly because of our visits to Weybridge." Although she was in public education for 35 years, Roxanna is "learning a whole new language." She now knows that a horse being trained or taught is "schooled." ■ A memorial in the fall 1998 issue of this magazine informed us of the death of **Lloyd G. Will-**

iams on July 1. **Bill Carter** was Lloyd's roommate at Starr Hall for two years and reports that Lloyd was a quiet, amicable person, a good student, and a good friend. We extend the condolences of the Class of 1936 to Lloyd's family. ■ **Angus Brooks** reports that he and Katie had a wonderful time at last September's Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf. Excerpts of his report follow: "Saturday morning we were welcomed by Richard Silton '80, president of the Middlebury College Alumni Association, an honor once enjoyed by **Dick Hubbard**. President McCardell then gave an inspiring hour-long talk, outlining the present status and future plans of the College. We wish all our classmates could have been with us during his quiet and seemingly extemporaneous words. Television or the stage could not have improved the presentation and the spirit of this hour. He told us that no college could lure him away from Middlebury. He also spoke of traffic problems unknown to us in 1936, as we crossed the bridge on our way to graduation exercises at the Congregational Church. Following a coffee break, we reassembled to learn more about the 'Bicentennial Campaign at Midd-Way.' We salute the ability and courage of our financial planners, our class agents, and the faith and loyalty of thousands of donors. How much is 200 million? Of anything? Counting backwards from January 1, 1999, a million days stretch back to about 740 BC, approximately 24 generations before our old Latin friend, Julius Caesar. If one million seems startling, multiply by 200 and call for the archaeologists! At the awards dinner, our class shared the Bob Leonard Trophy with the Class of 1937. Both classes had 71 percent of their class members contributing to the Annual Giving fund. Thanks to all our classmates who gave. And thanks to our hard-working class agents **Dick Chase, Mary Williams Brackett**, and **Louise Hubbard McCoy**. While the weekend was progressing, Mary Brackett and Dick Hubbard were looking forward to the events of the following weekend, which began with the story of Timothy Dwight's trip to Middlebury from New Haven, CT, on horseback. You have all heard of the Bicentennial Run commemorating this journey which involved groups of runners carrying Gamaliel Painter's cane the entire way, with the final leg arriving at the football field during halftime at the Homecoming game. Mary reported that an ecumenical service, called 'The Town's Churches and the Town's College," was held on Sunday, September 27, at Mead Chapel, involving all the local churches. The founders of Middlebury's churches and Middlebury's college would have been very pleased."

1937

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and the Rev. Loring D. Chase, Kendal at Hanover, 80 Lyme Rd., #215, Hanover, NH 03755.*

Congratulations to Helen and **Phil Brown**, who were celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary in September: "a quiet celebration with our children and their immediate families." They are still living in southeast FL, "and enjoy it, now that the rainy season has started! Although Helen and I can get around pretty easily, neither of us travel well, due to some pretty heavy arthritis. We both read a great deal, I bowl twice a week and serve on several committees here at our condo park. Also have great fun and interest in keeping in touch with a widespread family of grown children, grandchildren, great-grands, nieces, and nephews, via e-mail and snail mail. A group of cousins contribute to a round-robin letter, which manages to cross from coast to coast about three times a year." Phil was captain of our tennis team at Middlebury. ■ We were glad to hear from **Juno Jones Corbett**: "This has been a long and tortuous couple of years. In the spring of 1997, husband Ross went into the hospital for elective bypass surgery. You name it and Ross had it. He died August 1, 1998, of pneumonia. The heart still functioned well, but nothing else did. Ross was a Mr. Fixit and I don't think he ever saw a piece of wood or a nail that he didn't treasure. Had eons of things and I had a horrible accumulation of those things to dispose of. I moved here (101 Park Blvd. S., #302, Venice, FL 34245)—in the rain—on September 17 and can now find my way around. I see **Rita Cosenza Moore** occasionally, but will miss the first bridge game of the fall at her house, because I'll be in VT." ■ We regret to report the death of **Lewis Shipman** on September 4 at the age of 82. He had a remarkable life, living in a wheelchair since he was stricken with polio at the age of 33. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. We send the condolences of the class to his wife, Priscilla, and to all the family. ■ An e-mail letter from **Elizabeth Beebe Bliss** says "Hi! Trying to ease my way into the information age via Web TV and making very slow progress. Being a computer illiterate makes me feel like a dinosaur. How does e-mail work? Witchcraft! (Works fine, whatever. LDC) Long trips are a thing of the past, but we did make it to our favorite spot on the Maine coast this summer." She signs off, "Middfully yours." ■ **Marshall Sewell** writes: "I have returned to work, more or less, as a newspaper reporter. This summer I had a story and photo on my 'top ten' scenic places in our shore county published in a metro area daily paper. Joyce and I rediscovered the Chesapeake area on a four-day visit to St. Michaels. We liked the scenery and crab cakes so much that we returned in September and stayed in Chincoteague, VA, to check out the wild horses in the dunes and do some beach walking." Before signing off, he cites the NH license plate motto: "Live Free or Die—or, as the WI governor wanted on their new license plates, Eat Cheese or Die!" ■ From **Kay Stackel Leonard**: "You two [**Chuck** and Helene Cosenza '38 **Chase**] have been in our thoughts some months now, as you were 'downsizing' and waiting word of an opening. How do you like it? (Answer: We like it a lot!) I'm sold on this type of living and recommend it to one and all. Can hardly believe I've lived here for 7 1/2 years—since it opened." She goes on to tell about her experience of becoming librarian shortly after moving into Park Place. After holding the position for seven years, she writes, "to my great surprise, the Council voted to name the library after me! Wow! I was truly flabbergasted!" She asks us to remember that her zip code is now 22803. ■ "The wheels of time are still turning," writes **Ruth van Sickle Robinson**. She says that she and Robert "closed up our place in FL, spent the summer in Chittenango, NY, and headed back to FL—bag and baggage—in the fall. We camped in 1,000 Isles area, Lake George, Lake Ontario, Racquette Lake in Adirondacks, flew to CA and Lake Tahoe, and had a great Alumni Leadership Conference weekend at Bread Loaf. We can report that the campus looks in fine shape as birthday 200 approaches. The evidence of all the careful thought and planning is everywhere."

1938

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

Jean Dusenbury Borst Brown writes: "Let me thank you for the 60th Reunion arrangements. It was great to be there. Shortly afterwards, I fell badly, jarring the memory out of my brain, along with sense of smell. Also broken hip and knee (opposite sides). I'm going to make our 70th, but limpingly, I fear. Let me welcome anyone to Phoenix who cares to come. Call 602-804-0730 any time." **Becki Abbott Brooks** has moved to a retirement residence—The Louis F. Payn Foundation, 12 Coleman St., Chatham, NY, 12037—where she would appreciate hearing from classmates. ■ **Nonny Allen Leslie** is at home following a severe stroke in March. She also would enjoy letters addressed to her at 16 Berrill Farms Ln., Hanover, NH 03755. ■ **Florence Hulme Miner** spent the summer at her camp on St. Albans Bay. In August, she came to lunch with Frank and **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** and Charlie and me here at Wake Robin. It was a special occasion as we shared memories of our 60th Reunion and our college days. ■ **Betty Gates Tuttle** writes: "Greetings from our Utopian Kingdom at Kendal in Hanover, NH. Our biggest problem is learning to say 'No.' There are 68 committees, all initiated by residents, and we wonder where the time went that we had planned for reading! Tut and I help in the health center, and he is on the residents' council and a volunteer driver for Meals on Wheels. For a second year we have served on the resident panel discussion for Kendal's annual fall gathering. About 140 people interested in becoming Kendal Residents came this year. A few months ago, we gave a once-a-month nondenominational Sunday Service here. It was so well received that we were asked to repeat it at two other churches. It is a real treat to have Chuck '37 and **Helen Cosenza Chase** living here and we often have dinner together." Bringing us up to date on the Tuttle family, Gatesie continues: "Son Peter and wife Edith from Minneapolis come visit us at least once a year. During vacations they travel for background material for Peter's writing. Speaking of writing, daughter Leslie was accepted for last summer's Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. I've now forgiven her for choosing Harvard instead of Middlebury for her undergraduate work. We make frequent visits to Leslie and family at their home in Southborough, MA, or their vacation home near New London, NH, just 40 minutes from Kendal. Everyone in their family operates in high gear—parents to offices in Cambridge or somewhere else on the globe; Lily (12) and Noah (13) catch the school bus at 6:45 A.M. As soon as school is over, it's a wild maelstrom arranging rides to soccer, voice lessons, guitar and saxophone lessons, Hebrew school, and homework." Then Gatesie adds: "Working on the alumni fund was hard work and pure delight. Making telephone calls, writing personal request letters and thank yous to the 27 classmates I contacted has contributed to the pride and excitement I have for the Middlebury of today. So many thanks to all of you who gave and helped to make our outstanding 79 percent participation record." ■ We are sorry to report the death of Gatesie's sister, Thelma Gates Travers '29, on October 11. We send her our sympathy. ■ Condolences are

also extended to the family of **Clement S. Hill**, who died on August 19. ■ We regret to report the death of **Claribel Nothnagle Spamer** in October. The sympathy of the class goes to her husband, Velmore, and their children, as well as sisters Emmy Lou Nothnagle Brown '34 and Sally Nothnagle Tefft '40, brother-in-law Boyd Brown '33, cousin Judith Nothnagle Reynolds '66, and nephews David Brown '61 and Timothy Tefft '71. ■ Early in October, a mini-reunion here at Wake Robin brought together Dale and **Janet Randall Morgan**, Tut and **Gatesie Gates Tuttle**, Frank and **Eleanor Barnum Gardner**, and Charlie and **Tommy Leslie Hall** for the celebration of the Tuttles's 57th wedding anniversary. ■ Please let us have news from you men in our class!

1939

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. Thor B. Gustafson (Carol Miner), One Prudence Ln., Brookside, NJ 07926; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

Irene Fernandez Anderson and husband Maj. Gen. Norman Anderson have been working with Dr. Freeman's daughter on an article on Dr. Freeman which the French Embassy published this fall. Irene's input was needed as a longtime friend and student. Norman was helping with Dr. Freeman's role as one of our country's first aviators. Dr. Freeman went into service in World War I at age 18. He is a Golden Eagle (emeritus), as is Norman—Golden Eagles being aviators who have contributed in many ways to naval aviation. Irene's son and daughter-in-law are receiving Ph.D.'s in CA next May. We hope this occasion will not interfere with their plans for our 60th. Her son, Kirk, and his wife are both assistant profs. of geology at the Univ. of Northern AZ. Irene had a busy summer, keeping grandchildren busy. She was looking forward to the fall, when she would be able to entertain and play golf and bridge. We are pleased to report that she is doing very well. ■ **Elinor Wieland Cain** writes: "An 80th birthday calls for celebration, so I took a fine Smithsonian study tour on the Great Lakes, and leave next week (no date given) for a 10-day trip to France. Part of the time I'll be cruising up the Seine from the coast to Paris! Look forward to our 60th Reunion in 1999." ■ **Joe Trask** and wife Anne are also planning to attend the 60th and are looking forward to seeing classmates. Anne sold her home of 37 years in McMurray, PA, and is building a carriage house not too far away. Until it is finished in March, they have been staying at the summer home of Anne's daughter in the PA mountains, and also in Gorham, NH. As of late October, they moved to Ft. Pierce, FL, for five months. Anne recently traveled to Walnut Creek, CA, where her oldest brother celebrated his 90th birthday. ■ Frank and **Betty Anne Dunning Jones** drove east in early fall and stayed with Sherb and **Marge Kohr Lovell** in Springfield, VT. They enjoyed visiting old friends and had a weekend visit with **Louise Roberts Avery**. They were also able to visit **Margie Marsh Veronneau**, who had undergone radiation for a brain tumor. Margie was departing soon for Ithaca, NY, to be with her daughter and family. We all wish her well; our thoughts and prayers are with her. ■ **Ruthie Coleman Skinner** expected **Betty Riexinger Mettler** and John to visit her on a fall foliage trip, but Betty had a bad fall and they were unable to come. We hope Betty is recovering well. Ruthie and **Louise Roberts Avery** had lunch together and then visited with Marge Veronneau. Ruthie also had a chance to visit with **Dot Korb Carter** when they drove down to Woodstock for the day. ■ Art and **Beverly Browning Gilbert** were moving back to Wake Robin from their summer place at Willsboro. ■ We hope **A. Roger Clarke** will help with the ceremonies at our Saturday night reunion dinner at the Inn. Roger has spent a lot of time at his sisters' home in NJ, where he painted fences, restored walls, etc. He also visited with three of his children who live in NYC. He's a member of a group, sponsored by a local college, of about 400 people who give courses and have outside speakers. He hopes to teach a course in the future. ■ We were sorry to learn from **Frank Parker** that his wife is not well. He will try to attend reunion. A bicycle accident in 1987 led to a brain injury which has nearly deafened him and we want to reassure him that that affliction is present with many of our classmates—including Thor—so everyone will be very understanding. Just being present is the important thing. ■ **Louise Roberts Avery** joined us at Alumni Leadership Conference in September, when we began making plans for the 60th. Louise is graciously taking charge of our reunion dinner and we appreciate all her efforts in making those arrangements. We stayed at Bread Loaf and had a great visit together. Grace and **Duncan Rollason** were also there, as Duncan is working on the campaign fund for our class. It was great to be with them. **Bob Cushman** also attended the meetings with us. Correan and Bob have invited classmates to a brunch at their home on Sunday morning of reunion weekend. We certainly are looking forward to it and appreciate their hospitality so much. We saw Bob again on Homecoming weekend, October 23 to 25. What a glorious weekend it was—with temperatures in the 70s, no coats were needed all weekend, even at the football game. Bob joined us to watch Middlebury defeat Bates 49-16. The view from the stadium of the Green Mountains was glorious and there was not a cloud in the sky. Alumni Convocation was most interesting, especially the Achievement Awards. All those honored later gave programs we could attend. The convocation was followed by a delicious lunch outside on Proctor Terrace. Since it was Chi Psi's 100th anniversary, Bob, Thor, and Carol attended an open house at the Lodge which is now Munford House, the External Affairs building. It has been beautifully done over with extensive office space. John Hicks '41, Ed Reichert '40, and '40 and Bobbie Plumer Alden '40 also attended. We had a chance to explore campus and see some of the buildings being renovated and several new ones under construction. You will all be surprised at the extent of the campus nowadays. Plans are well underway for our reunion and we do hope we will have a great turnout.

1940

Class Secretaries: *Bob and Bobbie Plumer Alden, 51 Otterside Ct., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Charles Straight wrote a great letter full of his news and humorous enclosures about the FL drought of '98. He is disappointed to find that so few of our classmates are sending news for our column, wondering if they are "sick, dead or leading uneventful lives." [We hope it's the latter!] The big event in late spring and early summer down in FL was the fire situation they had for about two months. His county of Volusia was one of two counties hit the worst. His city of Deland was the center of operations for fire fighting. Other than that excitement, life had been quiet there. He and wife Paula are still dancing twice a week and that remains their only excitement. ■ Also heard from **Alice Atwood Spaulding**: "Keeping busy with meetings, exercise classes, bridge, and volunteering. Spend time assisting tax payers from February to April 15. Been doing this annually since 1980, except for 1987 when heart surgery took precedence. My overseas trip for '98 was a two-week Elderhostel in Finland. Great group and wonderful country. Also annual trip to ID and WA State to visit relatives for Christmas '97. Plans for October this year. Motto: Get up and go! See you in 2000!" ■ A memorial appeared in the fall issue for **Laura Chamberlain Spaulding**, who died on May 22. We send our deepest sympathy to her husband, Arthur, and to all the family. ■ Bob and I had an enjoyable summer on Cape Cod, doing the usual—tennis, lots of beach time, and swimming. We enjoyed the dinner for alumni and friends held in Chatham at the historic home of Bob and Jane Holen and their daughter, Miles '99. The dinner was given in celebration of the progress of the Bicentennial Campaign for Middlebury. Our summer ended when it was discovered that Bob needed surgery, so we went back to Middlebury. All went well and we enjoyed the first event of the Bicentennial celebration in September, when 160 runners retraced the 200-mile route, from CT to Middlebury, following the path Yale President Timothy Dwight rode on horseback in 1798. He came to Middlebury as a consultant, to talk with citizens interested in establishing a new college. The oldest alum participating in this relay turned out to be our own **R. Christian Anderson**. He writes, "For the sake of the Class of 1940 and to celebrate my birthday on September 26, I participated in the Bicentennial Run. (Actually, I followed Viola C. White's advice. I did the same thing when, on a sweet September morning long ago, I rode mare's shank from the hill town of Fresole down into Florence.) The segment of the run assigned to me, Bennington to Shaftsbury, was providential. It was in Bennington that my career at Middlebury began, for it was there that my high school chemistry teacher met me at the bus depot in the fall of 1935 to visit Midd and be interviewed. That teacher was William Lyttle Benson '29. His generosity was exceptional, for in those hard years the teachers in Woodbridge, NJ, were paid in script. I note here another wonderful Midd grad, William Storrs Lee '28, whose book *Father Went to College* is germane to the Bicentennial. Storrs was a strong backer of the Mountain Club and the Long Trail in its formative years. Also, that segment of 'the road taken,' passes the site of two farms owned by Robert Frost in the 1930s in South Shaftsbury. Frost, with his family, is interred at the Old Church Cemetery in Bennington. I was salad chef at Bread Loaf in 1938 and saw Frost at the Writers' Conference, where he required that a special salad dressing be made for him (recipe upon request). It was a privilege to have been part of the run. The

Middlebury staff who organized and carried it out did a fine, fine job. Timothy Dwight would have been pleased with what the Strength of the Hills has produced in two tumultuous centuries."

1941

Class Secretary: *S.J. House, 51 McKinstry Hill Rd., Hyde Park, VT 05655; and Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), RR 1, Box 86A, Walton, NY 13856.*

Les Ingalls is gone. For many years he chronicled our comings and goings, planned our class reunions and quietly served his beloved Middlebury. On September 30, he was stricken at his home and was gone before he could be taken to the emergency room. We will miss him. Thank you, Les. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ Our condolences to **Edith Grimm Miller** whose husband, Harry, passed away on September 4 after a long illness. Much as she misses him, Grimmy says she has no regrets: "We had a great life. Did everything we wanted to do, including extensive travels—such as twice around the world." Our best wishes to you, Grimmy, as you continue your usual busy life. ■ Ira '42 and **Sara Martenis Townsend** wrote in the fall: "We enjoy the jazz festival held in Montreal each year. So far we've attended three, combined with an Elderhostel at Concordia Univ. We recommend this combo. Life at home is rather quiet. This summer, of course, involved mowing grass a lot. We also enjoy church suppers. Cross-country skiing comes soon." ■ Westie (**Helen West Burbank**) and Packy (**Ruth Packard Jones**) represented our class at the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf last September. We enjoyed seeing alums from other classes, but only **Les Ingalls** from '41. We had a brief but enjoyable conversation with Les, little realizing it would be our last. We surely do miss you, Les, and all you did for our class and the College. ■ Later in September, Westie and Jack Burbank took a two-week Elderhostel trip to Germany, visiting Hamburg, Berlin, and Dresden. They found the extensive reconstruction overwhelming and were especially impressed to learn that all Germans pay five percent tax to support the program. ■ Going from Bread Loaf to visit her oldest daughter in Essex Junction, Packy also enjoyed lunch with **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker**, who had just moved from a condo into a lovely Wake Robin cottage, where **Jean Connor** joined them for tea and delightful reminiscences. ■ Bill and **Babs Grow Grim** took a break from their busy schedule of senior volunteering in Lincoln, MA, to spend a week at an Elderhostel in Shelburne, adding much to their knowledge of VT and its history. They also sought out some of their family roots around the state. ■ **Connie Girard Brown** had a delightful trip to VT in September with three friends. It was her first return to the Green Mountain State since our 50th Reunion. She was especially pleased to get to Middlebury, although all too briefly, with no chance to explore the recent changes. Look forward to that at our 60th, Connie! She hoped to be settled in her "brand new" condo (not too far from her former home) by Thanksgiving. The address is 29 Village Cove, Warwick, NY 10990; her phone number remains the same. ■ **Caroline Butts Dodge** reports more physical problems during the past year. She has had it with FL, after two dismal winters there. Having deeded her condo to the College, she planned to enjoy this winter in her cozy Newburyport home, in the company of her faithful dog. Son David '69 and his wife, Magna Leffler Dodge '68, have been transferred to Hong Kong for two or three years, but son John and his family remain nearby. She and **Betty Stratton Loomis** keep in touch by phone and try to meet for lunch occasionally. ■ **Westie** wrote a colorful account of Homecoming '98. The College began its Bicentennial celebration on October 24 with 106 runners retracing the steps of Timothy Dwight from CT to Middlebury. (For news of the five-mile lap run by "Andy,"—Bob Anderson '40—see the 1940 column.) Westie and Jack, along with about 30 other alums, were privileged to attend "Middlebury—A Closer Look," two days of meetings and in-depth touring of the campus. They were immensely impressed by the new Bicentennial Hall, scheduled to be dedicated at Homecoming '99, one of the numerous additions we can look forward to seeing when we return in 2001. Among those returning for the festive Homecoming was **Jack Hicks**, who spent several days in Middlebury. Jack and **Ruth Hardy Scheidecker** joined the Burbanks for a mini-reunion at their Lake Dunmore home. ■ Packy planned to spend the holidays in CA with daughter Martha and her husband, Paul. They are employed by U.S. Borax, whose 20 Mule Team is scheduled to participate in the Rose Bowl parade. Sounds like fun to watch. Then it will be on to FL until April. Some are having trouble with Packy's phone numbers, so here are the correct ones: In NY, 607-865-4149, April to December 15; in FL, 850-837-2951, January to April. Hope you all had happy holidays and that you made a New Year's resolution to keep us informed of your travels and other activities! Also, a big welcome to **Sumner J. House** (Summy) who has agreed on extremely short notice to be co-class secretary. Thanks, Summy! It will be great working with you to keep everyone informed of the "doings" of our class.

Gathering at Blue Mountain Lake, NY, in October (see 1944 column)

1942

Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 621 Laurel Lake Dr., #B119, Columbus, NC 28722.*

Denny and **Harriet Tillinghast Fuller** have been on the move again, visiting Poland, Hungary, and Slovakia. They just missed **Hope Rood Redway** and **Dottie Milligan Schuck** in Budapest. Ah, that beautiful chain bridge! Haven't been to Poland, but hear it's charming. ■ As you know, **Barbara York Linscott** died on August 20. A memorial appeared in the fall issue. We extend the sympathy of the class of her daughters and all the family. ■ Condolences also to **Bill Ouimette** on the death of his wife Mary Bidwell Ouimette '43 on August 3. ■ **Alice Taylor Thornycroft** has good eyes at last, due to cataract surgery. However—due to emphysema—she's on oxygen all the time. In August she moved to a residence home, where her meals are prepared for her. Her dog, who lives with her daughter, can come and visit her. Fortunately, many of her friends are also living in the same residence home. ■ **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews** are alive and well. Bill's handicap is sneaking downward. They attended Bill's 60th reunion at Vermont Academy. ■ **Joan Calley Cooper** is still a mover and shaker. She spent the summer at her place in NH and was visited by **Sue Hulings Ottinger** and Ev. Joan also attended the Marlboro Music Festival in VT, with Don and Paula Knight Jeffries '45 and Alan '45 and Joanne Higgins Wolfley '45. Back in CA at the end of September, Joan swims every morning and enjoys it as much as I do. Her BIG news is the marriage of her daughter in November at that lovely old Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite. Next year she plans to be in Italy in March and somewhere else in the fall. ■ **Elinor Dickie Rankin** writes that last October she visited **Margie Fell Council** and **Joan Calley Cooper** in San Francisco. ■ For news of **Ira** and Sara Martenis '41 **Townsend**, please turn to the 1941 column. ■ **Charlie** and **Ruth Taylor Clapper** spent the summer at Echo Lake in Charlestown, VT, returning home October 1—after Charlie spent a week in the hospital with a virus. In spite of Charlie's virus and Ruth's surgery for diverticulitis, they enjoyed a trip to New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. They took the new car ferry back to Bar Harbor, which was fast and pleasant. ■ The **Bates**es beat the heat by heading north. Had a condo in North Conway and renewed acquaintance with Mount Washington. But yikes, the traffic! Later on we did a trip around the Gaspé via motor coach, with several days in Montreal and Quebec City. If you are near Presque Isle, ME, don't miss stopping at Winnie's for lobster chowder. Fantastic!

1943

Class Secretaries: *Chick Johnson Doe, 327 Ayer Rd., Harvard, MA 01451; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Peter Nikitas** on November 28. We send the sympathy of all the class to his wife, Callie, and to sons Peter, Dean '73, and Steven '76. ■ **Mil Carson Bonow** entertained **Bounce Dounce Dale, Marty Van Gaasbeck**, and **Skip Wilkin Dimond** during a marketing lunch at Covenant Village in Cromwell, CT. Sign of the times: downsizing! ■ **Jack Lundrigan** sounded great on the phone. He and Ann spent the summer at the lake and expected to go to FL for part of the winter. He's making an excellent recovery from the stroke that affected his speech, writing, and spelling; he still stumbles over some words, but communicates very well. He's playing golf and says he's fine, except for

the minor speaking problems. ■ **Lew Haines**, who developed a neurological disorder known as Gullian-Barre Syndrome last summer, came home from the hospital in October and is improving steadily. He's up, with the aid of a walker, swims three times a week, and his strength is gradually improving. He's another one who enjoys hearing from his friends. (4808 Knights Way, Anchorage, AK 99508-4808; phone: 907-333-8544). ■ More good news: **Dick Morehouse** completed his IV antibiotic treatments for osteomyelitis in July. He and Lee were in Vinalhaven from mid-July until late October, with Dick as active as ever and doing very well as of this writing in November. ■ The deaths of **Ruth DeLong Rude** on July 17 and **Mary Bidwell Ouimette** on August 3 were reported in the fall issue; their memorials appear elsewhere in this issue. Several classmates were able to attend their memorial services, among them **Ginny Carpenter Halstead**, who added these words about Mary: "Friendship was a gift Mary gave to many. She always remembered her old friends and was still collecting new ones when her life ended much too soon. She was warm and caring, a superb listener, a lover of laughter, and tolerant of both angels and fools." Ruth was a gracious, outgoing individual, sensitive to the needs of others, who contributed much not only to her family but to the hospital where she served as a medical librarian, to the Stamford Hospice unit, and to her community. We will miss her. ■ We lost another classmate on August 31, with the death of **Dorothy Stewart Stein**. Dot was a geology major at Middlebury and was an active member of the women's ski team. In the winter of 1940-41, she met future husband Ben while skiing at Stowe. She was a dedicated volunteer (see her memorial elsewhere in this issue) and she took up hand spinning and handweaving, which she demonstrated at the Audubon Center's living history program and at the Ethan Allen Homestead. She kept angora rabbits for this work and friends raised sheep for her. In addition to spinning, she was adept at lace making, knitting, tatting, and making bobbin lace. The condolences of the class go to Ben and all Dot's family. ■ Responses to adversity seem common in the class. **Robert "Bud" Nims** reports that he recently started a new career as a personal financial analyst for Primerica, now a unit of Citigroup. He had previously been doing research in marketing and advertising for corporations such as GE, RCA, and Sylvania, as well as some Chamber of Commerce work. Bud's first marriage ended in divorce after some 16 years and one daughter. Second wife Beverly brought with her four children, whom he adopted. Unfortunately, Beverly died of cancer in 1972, leaving him responsible for five young people. Sad to say, his third wife, Merrol, the mother of four offspring plus one child of Bud's, also died of cancer in January 1995, leaving him with 10 children. To help make ends meet, Bud added a job some 15 years ago, delivering newspapers seven days a week, which he says was quite remunerative, but very confining. He will be able to give this up come January '99. The good news is that he's well and that all but one of the 10 children now live nearby, eight within a 10-mile radius, which helps a great deal. ■ Jim and **Mandy Sanborne Krieble** spent the summer at Lake Willougby in VT, where they were visited by Peggy Ferry Morris's daughter Audrey and husband in September. Mandy and Jim expect to move to the Kendall retirement facility in Hanover, NH, in 1999. ■ **Phil Backup** and wife Ruth remain in good health and still live on an island in Puget Sound, actively golfing and skiing. Ruth, a Native American, continues to work in quality assurance for the Puyallup Tribal Health Authority. They take a trip to HI each November, and visit Phil's daughters in CO, MN, and VT. Phil's mother moved from VT to WA. At age 100, she became tired of taking care of her yard (said she didn't mind the house!) and entered a retirement home nearby. She's still active at 103! ■ **Bobbie Higham Winner** has been particularly active of late in the Embroiderers Guild, an organization with chapters all over the country. Husband George's health problems have limited their activities and travel, and prevented them from coming to the 55th. ■ **Chick Johnson Doe** reports: How I missed seeing you all at the 55th! They say a Pacemaker will last 7 to 10 years, so I should hit the 60th and maybe even the 65th! In the meantime, I ask you all to send me news of you and your families, your activities, honors, and all other essentials, so that I may share them in our class news. Right off I shall share three bits of news for this issue. Skip and I spent a delightful lunch hour and had a tour of **Jane Botsford Armstrong**'s studio in East Dorset, VT, on our way home from the September Alumni Leadership Conference weekend at Bread Loaf. Jane's sculptures are fascinating and one is led to "feel" them—pat, stroke, or clasp. Not only has Jane been named Woman of the Year by her prep school, she has now been chosen by the National Sculpture Society to participate in a show documenting the history of U.S. sculpture through architecture, national monuments, and public art history between 1875 and 1998 at the Fleischer Museum in Scottsdale, AZ. Congratulations! Jane laughs as she pictures herself next to a national monument! The show runs from October 20, 1999, to May 1, 2000. There will be 110 pieces, selected from 50 historical and 50 contemporary members. ■ **Roger Easton** *loves* empire apples. He and Barbara came down to Harvard recently to pick at Doe Orchards and have lunch with us. He had his very impressive gold medal to show, as well as pictures of **Don Gale** and family, who had recently visited the Eastons in Canaan, NH. ■ David Lent, son of **June Archibald Lent**, stops by for a visit with us every once in a while. He always recalls picnics our two families enjoyed here early on, and I believe he likes to keep up his Midd connection with us. We are delighted that he keeps in touch. ■ **Kay Sempepos Silliman** has agreed to organize a 57 1/2-year reunion for us, as she did so competently for our 52 1/2. Tentative plans are for a weekend in late September 2000, since Homecoming weekend that year will be too busy with Bicentennial events. When you hear from her, say "Yes! I'll be there!" ■ Remember the 57 1/2 in 2000!

1944

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

During our weekend at the Alumni Leadership Conference at Bread Loaf in September, we were shocked and saddened to learn that **Mike Kolligian** had died that week. We had planned to ask Mike to take a prominent part in our 55th Reunion in the spring. His presence will be missed. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. We extend the condolences of his many Middlebury friends to his wife, Joyce; their son, Michael III '83; their daughter Valerie Kolligian Thayer; and their two granddaughters. ■ Congratulations to Bob and **Louise Cosenza Aldrich** on their 50th wedding anniversary, which they celebrated on July 11 in Coventry, RI. ■ On their trip to ME last summer, **Nancy Read** and **Jane Landes** spent a week with Chuck and **Ruth Wheaton Evans** (who were vacationing in Stonington), stopped to see Ted and **Pat Bryant Kelly** in Belfast, and made an overnight visit with Bill '41 and **Pat Noe Bursaw** in Portsmouth, NH, on their way home. ■ **Muriel Roome Wakeman** was off to CA in October to visit son Brad, and to HI to visit daughter Enid. ■ Charles and **Betty Broadbent Brown** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October with a four-day family gathering at the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, CT. All 33 participants kept busy and happy with barbecues, hiking, swimming, canoeing, and volleyball. ■ Sally and **Al Rathbun** went on a garden tour in England and visited Paris and Normandy via train through the "chunnel." ■ We were very sorry to hear from **Al Boissevain** that his wife of 52 years, Hedy Hogg Boissevain '45, had died after a very short illness. They had spent a wonderful year of travel in Italy and France and had scheduled a trip to Spain and Portugal in the fall. Al noted that two of the very best trips they had taken in the past were those to China and to Russia, both sponsored by the Middlebury alumni office. He plans to come to our 55th Reunion in the spring. ■ Your devoted class secretaries are also wearing their social chair hats for our 55th Reunion! We have made progress in the planning and you will hear all about this in the coming months. In the meantime, we hope you will make every effort to arrange your lives to include reunion in your spring plans.

PHOTO CAPTION An October mini reunion at Blue Mountain Lake in the Adirondacks brought together **Leonore Jenkins Johnson**, Rob and **Shirley Earl Banta**, **Dot Ayers Ingalls** and Al, and **Stod Johnson**. The Johnsons were returning from VT, where they played "soccer grandparents" for their daughter's boys.

1945

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald A. Stearns (Shirley Miller), 166-25 Powells Cove Blvd, Beechurst, NY 11357; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

The annual "grupo" gathering at Rick and **Betty Hatcher Hruby**'s home in Middletown Springs took place August 13–16. **Ruth Collins Shikes**, **Ruth Taylor Wilcoxson**, Pete and **Ruth Strode Carsley**, Don and **Shirley Miller Stearns** were all in the long-weekend-in-VT mode. Dartmouth alum John Bergesen is still a friend of grupo. We made our regular stop down the road at the Fentons' for maple syrup, renewing our friendship with this four-generation family. Another treat was meeting Ruth and Pete's son, Scott Carsley, who was visiting with his family from MT and Yellowstone, where he directs special, year-round tours. A visit with **Dottie Laux O'Brien** is always special and, as always, Dottie was the lively communicator—though deeply saddened at the loss of her sister, Jane Laux Holt '46 (see memorial in fall '98 issue). She says Jane liked to garden because it wasn't political, so Dottie bet her

she could write a gardening poem that *was* political. Sadly, Dottie couldn't collect on the bet, but her poem, "The Primrose Book of Virtues," appeared in the October issue of *Leaf*, the state Garden Club publication. The traditional Hruby weekend finale is Sunday brunch and for the second time—because the food is delicious and the ambiance outside on the deck pleasantly surreal—brunch was at the Rutland Airport restaurant. Parting afterward, as always, was such sweet sorrow. ■ We are saddened to report that **Kenneth Moore**'s wife, Martha N. DePoy Moore, died in September at their home in Pittsford. With a degree from New Rochelle College in sociology, Martha was Overseer for the Poor for Rutland City, served on a task force to help design VT's Social Welfare Dept., and was director of social services at Rutland Hospital, where she served for more than 15 years. Sincere condolences to our classmate, Kenny, and to the family. ■ Condolences also go to the family of **Jane Cline Finley Laros**, who died on July 23. A memorial appeared in the fall issue. ■ We have also learned of the death of **Hedy Hogg Boissevain** on August 3 and would like to extend the condolences of the class of her husband, Al Boissevain '44, and the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

1946

Class Secretaries: *Mary Cummings Nordstrom (Mrs. Everett R.) (mary elizabeth@pinehurst.net), 10 Inverness Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374; and Joan Campbell Shaw (Mrs. Douglas P.), (camshaw@sover.net)Cottage St., RR 2, Box 3412, Manchester Center, VT 05255.*

Mary Elizabeth Nordstrom reports "a story to end all stories" about planning to meet a classmate. **Sue Taylor Isenberg** was visiting her sister, who lives at the Governor's Club near Chapel Hill. I had left two phone messages for Sue on her sister's answering machine, making arrangements to meet for lunch at A Southern Season in Chapel Hill. The same man's recorded voice responded and repeated the number I had dialed on each occasion. When I arrived at the restaurant, Sue and her sister were not there as I had expected. I went to the phone and called again, leaving another message, and then ordered lunch while I waited. Shortly thereafter, three people approached the host and gave the last name of Sue's sister. The host said he already had been given that name by another woman who had been waiting for a long time. Sue was absolutely amazed, because they had not received my messages and had come to this restaurant completely by chance. As it turns out, one of the digits that I had taken for a "1" had a tiny curlicue at the bottom and was actually a "6." I had been leaving messages at the wrong number. Therefore, all ye (we) of little faith, notice that when we expect something to happen, it usually will. Away with negative thoughts! In Indianapolis, Sue had seen Nancy Cheesman Baetzhold '48 and she had enjoyed dinner and the theater with **Lucie Suter O'Brien**. Sue participates in an Association of International Women to acclimate wives of international executives. However, her big news was an Elderhostel trip to Indonesia. She especially enjoyed Java and Bali. ■ **Barbara Busing Harris** took a trip to Paris during late October with daughter Martha to visit Megan Harris, a Middlebury junior spending the year at the Sorbonne. Pete Harris '42 planned to be more comfortable at daughter Ellie's during that time, as he finds traveling difficult. ■ **Joan Campbell Shaw** is on-line! Write to her at her address above. Responding to a message from *Middlebury Magazine* she sent her first e-mail message: Thanks for your message. Received it this morning in the company of **Sheila Schmidt Rowland**. She and Bill had been visiting children in Vergennes and also granddaughter Megan Hamilton, a freshman at Midd. Lucky girl! So it appears that I am finally joining the 20th century—just as we prepare for the 21st. Hoping to get up for some hockey games this season. ■ Paintings by artist **Betsy Barclay Wales** were exhibited at Bowdoin College in October. The solo show, her first in 15 years, was entitled *Since Maine,* a retrospective of watercolors. "It went very well," Barc admitted. (A lot of paintings were sold.) Classmates who attended the opening reception were **Jean Luckhart Robbins**, **Jane Webb**, and Bill and **Barb Rupp Lister**. They were joined later by **Betty Price** (Pricey) at Lucky's cottage on Cousins Island. Much fun, natch! ■ Received a note from **Bette Royce**, with a brief but entertaining description of a fascinating trip to Mexico she took with a group of friends of the Denver Museum of Natural History to explore newly opened archaeological sites. Shortly after returning home, Roycie received the sad news that her older brother, Bill, had died unexpectedly in San Antonio. We all send Roycie our sincerest sympathy. By now, we trust, she is safely home from yet another trip with the Denver group and her widowed sister-in-law—this time to Spain! ■ We regret to report the death of **Judith Lyon Lyon** in September, and we send the condolences of the class to her family, especially her daughter, Sande Lyon Johnson '83 (P.O. Box 336, Silverton, OR 97381). A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ■ We have also received sad news about the death of **Mary Jane Selleck Hellekjaer**'s husband, Per, in October. Married for 48 years, the Hellekjaers took a last trip to Norway just last summer. We send our deep sympathy to Sel and her family. ■ Also, sympathy to **Mary Caswell Jones** (Cas), whose brother, John Caswell, died in September in Burlington, VT. Some of our good memories of John go 'way back to Middlebury days of World War II. ■ Having vacationed at family homes in Stoddard, NH, for 52 years, **Barbara Flink Ewels** (Flinkie) and husband Jack have decided to make their permanent home in a wonderful log cabin in Tigola Trail, located on a six-mile lake in Stoddard. Their mailing address is P.O. Box 339, Stoddard, NH 03464. Flinkie avows that their plan is to "spend most icy, snowy days in Florida!"

1947

Class Secretaries: *Virginia Stowell James, 373 Reeds Gap Rd., Northford, CT 06472; and Philip Briggs, 40947 N. 107th Pl., Scottsdale, AZ 85262.*

George and **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** reported a varied and active summer. They saw all their daughters and their families, visits which took them from their summer home in Sebago, ME, to NM and CO. They had a trip in the Canadian Rockies, visiting Banff and Lake Louise, and topped it all with "helicopter hiking" in the Bugaboo Mountains of British Columbia. See also their photo report below. ■ **Betty Pickles Cox** has sent a new address for **Jean Mace Beswick** and husband Tony, who live in Harare, Zimbabwe, where "the climate is great and gardens produce abundantly." Jean wishes classmates would write now that she has a new address: 33 Guys Cliff, Greystone Park, Harare, Zimbabwe. A flurry of notes would be a surprise and a joy to her and the postage is minimal. Wouldn't it be exciting to learn about living in a place where the highway warning signs picture elephants instead of deer or moose? Who'd argue right-of-way with that! (Wonder how they keep elephants out of those 'abundant gardens'?) ■ The College sent official word during the summer to those of us in central CT that a Middlebury Bicentennial Relay Run would start in New Haven at Yale Univ. in September, destination Middlebury College. The relay run would thereby represent the 1798 trip of Middlebury Founder Timothy Dwight, then president of Yale. Dwight traveled to VT 200 years ago to meet with Gamaliel Painter at Middlebury for the express purpose of initiating steps toward the founding of a college in Middlebury. Making the necessary sound and legal arrangements for this took them two years, but in 1800 the charter was granted. (Remember the song that starts thus: "In eighteen hundred naughty-naught the dynasty began; Atwater was the first to reign, a stern New Haven man..."). Well, **Bobbie Van Aken Smith** was one of a very few alumni who attended the Bicentennial kickoff event at Yale. Although Bobbie deplored the scanty attendance, perhaps the meager number this year was a true reflection of how it might have been back then when President Dwight left New Haven for VT. Probably few people waved him off or even guessed what a remarkable and prestigious educational institution would result from those early and dedicated efforts. But WE know, don't we! ■ **Bussie Southgate Badger** and husband Bob planned a lot of sailing around Penobscot Bay, ME, last summer, and good weather favored their plans. ■ Favorable weather also brought a stream of relatives and friends to the New Harbor, ME, cottage of **Jinny Stowell James**, canceling hopes for a Midd group to visit there as well. Maybe next year. Jinny was off to a tour in Italy in the fall. ■ We regret to report the death of **Emily Standish Hesse** on May 13 in Santa Fe, NM. The condolences of the class go to all of her family members. ■ A tour in England was completed early in October by **Alice Delorenzo Stansbury**. Her enthusiastic report of visiting the Cotswolds and Cornwall, Land's End, London, St. Ives, and Cheltenham made one wish to take the next flight and do likewise! Her visits to stone churches, Stilesgate, and flower gar-

Storrs Lee '28 greets Class of '47 friends (see 1947 column)

dens left her with wonderful memories, and some of us with a bit of yearning. Alice is serving as VP of AAUW this year and also helps in the Ridgefield Library. ■ We hope to hear about trips and special events other classmates are enjoying. Keep sending your news and news about classmates!

PHOTO CAPTION **George** and **Joanne Buckeridge Booth** (right) and Henry Cady (left back) called on former Dean of Men W. Storrs Lee '28 at his home in Pemaquid, ME. At the age of 92, Storrs still cares for two gardens and the lawns at his waterfront home on the Pemaquid peninsula.

1948

Class Secretaries: *Daniel R. and Joan Tyler Gilbert, (medrg01@moravian.edu), 3660 Walt Whitman Ln., Bethlehem, PA 18017.*

Ann Cadmus McNamara writes: "Spent my 71st birthday (September 21) in our house in Puerto Rico, with Hurricane Georges beating at his worst—115 m.p.h. for four hours, then two hours later back at full force for another three hours or so. One week without water, three weeks without electricity! One learns to cope." ■ **Frances Van Cleve Smith** reports business trips this year to Orlando, Nashville, Reno, Boise, and Mesquite, NV. There was also a two-week trip to Key West, FL, for a court hearing. Her husband won his suit against the restaurant where he fell and punctured his knee. He had knee surgery in late July. Their oldest granddaughter and her daughter visited twice, plus Ben's sister was coming to visit. They planned a 12-day Caribbean cruise in November. ■ **Eleanore Herchet Regenthal** sadly reports the sudden death of her husband, William, on New Year's Eve 1997. "We had been thinking of attending my 50th Reunion, but I could not go alone." We extend the condolences of the class to you, Eleanore, and you will be very much in our thoughts. ■ **Cynthia Strout Fischer** welcomes new members to the United Nations Association, which is starting a new organization in the Greater Philadelphia/South Jersey area (info: 610-696-1324). They held a first luncheon on October 22, with speakers on the U.S. debt to the U.N. ■ **Sandy Rosenberg** writes that he and wife Rita thoroughly enjoyed the 50th Reunion weekend, plus four days of visiting in New England before heading back to CA. ■ **Tom Johnson** sent along a moving tribute to the late **Frank Nash**. It was published in the alumni quarterly of the Albany Academy, where Frank taught for many years. ■ Have you found yourself in that great picture of the Class of 1948 standing on the steps of Mead Chapel?

1949

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.*

Bill and **Lois Quirk Racz** have finally, gently, closed the doors on their B&B and rental business, so the 40-year Ma and Pa venture is over. Stay tuned for their next move, though they do hope to remain on Cape Cod. Quirkie writes that **Walt Staloff** would like to attend our reunion if anyone is traveling near the Rome, NY, area and could give him a lift. Walt reports that wife Maureen recently clocked in her 650th bird for her life list! The Staloffs may be reached at 315-337-1573. ■ A recent call to **Bob** and **Edie Hendrickson Buttrick** in San Antonio informed us that they were high enough to escape the worst of the flooding, but experienced 16 inches of rain in one day. ■ Congratulations to Lorraine and **Charlie Puksta**, who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows in the church where they were married on August 28, 1948. The church was founded by Lorraine's parents and other Polish immigrants in the early '20s. Music was selected for the anniversary Mass to reflect their ethnic and religious heritage and to recall the songs that were popular during their courtship. All their children were present for the celebration, plus eight of their 12 grandchildren. The Pukstas ran Leocha's Market in Claremont for 30 years while raising seven children, all of whom went on to obtain college degrees. Charlie served on Claremont's city council for 26 years, 16 years as mayor, and four years as assistant mayor. Now chairing the board of governors of the NH Community Technical College System, Charlie has received three presidential appointments (from Nixon and Ford) and has served as national chair of the National Advisory Council for Adult Education. ■ We regret to report the loss of two classmates. The condolences of the class are extended to Josephine Overlock Hoffmire '51 on the death of her husband, **Philip W. Hoffmire**, on August 8. **Conrad F. Metcalfe** died on August 13, and our sympathy goes to his family, especially wife Janet and sister Shirley Metcalfe Handforth '41. Memorials appeared in the fall issue. ■ **Barb Knapp Bull** planned to join the Bicentennial Run on October, on a five-mile stretch north of Brandon. We look forward to more news about that. "Bill and I are back from five weeks in ME. Our cabin on the rocky, salt water shore is truly a second *home*. That's where we live in the summer, when our four children and their children come, and where our ME friends share 120 acres of natural beauty and over 70 years of close community. Back in VT we're caught up in church and community commitments, still chiefly with Habitat for Humanity, but save lots of time for hiking, tennis, dancing, and reading group." ■ **Priscilla (Keetsie) Noyes Crosson** writes that she and Charley had a great "Swiss holiday" early last summer. In January 1998 they took the Midd alumni trip to the Caribbean islands—"a really fine trip!" In 1997, they "did Spain and Steamboatin' on the Mississippi." Keetsie is working half time at Southwest TX State Univ., doing research on alumni. Her hours are very flexible, "so it's fun and keeps me in touch with the university world where I worked for 10 years." They retired and closed their Houston business in 1981 and retired to San Marco. In 1991, she retired again from SWT. Their three children and two grandsons are all in TX, "so we see them, but not often enough for Mom!" They frequently see John and **Dorothy Morse Cooper**, who live in San Antonio, 50 miles from the Crossons. "We do fun things with the Coopers, like camping, dinners, football games, etc. We had a great time with them at the end of August when we attended *42nd Street* in San Antonio. We're coming to our 50th and look forward to seeing everyone!"

1950

Class Secretaries: *Ms. Barbara J. Parker (parkeb@idt.net), 13 Burnham Pl., Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 (fax 201/475-1545—please call first); and Ms. Barbara Kraft Packer (fapjr@aol.com), 48 Sunset Dr., Summit, NJ 07901.*

A recent **Bard Lindeman** "Prime Time" article throws out a question: "Is 55 too old to learn to ski down a mountain?" He goes on to document the thrills and spills of one woman who fell in love with skiing at age 55. Despite aching muscles, a knee injury, and generally being "battered and bruised," nothing could keep this woman from returning to the slopes. Send us a note to let us know how you all feel about skiing and other sports as we approach our "Prime Time." ■ **Carol Carlton Hentz** reports: "This has been quite a year as I turn 70. Lots of travel with my new Vermonter friend, Reg Spooner—to GA and Natural Bridge, VA, for Easter; to Outer Banks with my family in June; to ME with his family and later on a Windjammer. Had a very special visit with **Barb Ferris Smith** and her husband, Dick, who summer at Boothbay. Then to Spain (northern coast) on an Orient Express train with guide, traveling musician, and 50 other passengers, all Spanish. I highly recommend this unique experience. Then we rented a car and drove along the Pyrenees to Barcelona." ■ We were sorry to learn of the death of **Donald C. Reifel** on March 18. A memorial appeared in the fall issue. We send our condolences to his wife, Beverly, and daughters Karen and Krista. ■ **Tom Fraioli** remembers Don as a fraternity brother and psychology major. Living in Miami, FL, Tom worked up to general sales manager of WTVJ, owned by NBC. When there was a $1 billion LBO by KKR, he formed his own media-buying service company, Communications Counselors (phone 305-596-2806). He negotiates time and rates for electronic media only and would love to hear from classmates. Last summer he was in Middlebury when his niece, Christine—daughter of Anthony '49 and Nat Benson Fraioli '48—married the owner of Swift House, a Middlebury inn. Tom is trying to locate **Charles (Chuck) Riley**, so please help him out if you can. ■ **Gordon Cook** would also appreciate a phone call (802-888-5010). Living in the Stowe, VT, area, he has advanced prostate cancer and is a guinea pig at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, where he has completed one vaccine and is on a second. He uses crutches, due to arthritis, while awaiting a knee replacement. Gordie left the corporate sales life to open several small businesses in VT, but lost money due to dishonest partners. He has always loved athletics, but is now limited to instructing Karate and judging meets. He is divorced and his children live in PA. Good luck to you, Gordie. ■ A portion of the interest on the **T. William Hentz** '50 scholarship fund is going towards a Middlebury student in her final year at Midd. **Carol Carlton Hentz** has written of the immense pleasure it has been for her to see the progress of this young woman, who has been consistently on the Dean's list. ■ Speaking of success, last April there was a retrospective of architect **Frank Schlesinger**'s work at the Univ. of MD's School of Architecture which was reviewed by the *Washington Post*. Frank decided to be a modern architect (studied at Harvard) and stuck with it. His beginning form in a project has often been the rectangle. A fine example of his work is the Whitefriars Hall at 17th and Webster streets in northeastern Washington, DC, with its "white-walled, wood-ceilinged, light-filled chapel." He combines teaching with his practice.

From the Office of Trusts and Estates:

I. An Estate Planning Idea

What is the number one problem for estate owners today?

Answer: Knowing the beneficiary of their retirement plans and understanding the tax impact that income and death taxes have on that beneficiary.

In many estates today, the largest asset is the value of the retirement account and, ironically, these retirement assets are subject to the most taxes at death–i.e., state and federal **income taxes** plus possible state and federal **death taxes** if your taxable estate exceeds the exemption amount ($650,000 in 1999 and increasing to $1 million in 2006). Yet, most estate owners fail to protect the largest asset in their estate from potentially huge erosion at death.

If your **estate is** or becomes the **beneficiary** of retirement assets by plan or by default, then your estate could pay 39.6 percent in federal income taxes alone on the death value of the retirement assets. And don't overlook the state income taxes, plus the death taxes imposed on those same retirement assets.

If your **revocable trust is beneficiary** of retirement assets (a popular concept for many estate owners), make sure that you have followed the four criteria needed to make that trust qualify as a "designated beneficiary" (an IRS term) in order to avoid having your trust pay 39.6 percent in federal income taxes as distributions of retirement assets are made to your trust.

Every case is different. Protect your loved ones by planning well. Understand your options (and theirs). Ask your tax adviser for a retirement assets review or become more familiar with planning options by returning the attached card to request a copy of the chapter on "Retirement Asset Planning" from Middlebury's booklet, *Understanding Estate Planning.*

Good luck, good health, and good planning.

II. A Gift Planning Idea

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Middlebury Annuity (one life)

Donor's Age	Annuity Rate
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75	8.2%
80	9.2%
85	10.5%

Middlebury Annuity (two lives)

Donors' Ages	Annuity Rate
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70-70	6.8%
75-75	7.3%
80-80	8.0%
85-85	9.0%

Where can you find returns like these today? What a great **gift for an elderly parent.**

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Daniels family scales the heights (see 1954 column)

■ **Joan Kent Warnke** gave **Barb Kraft Packer** and husband Tod a grand tour of the Patriot's Colony life-care center in Williamsburg, VA, last September. Joan knows all of the 250 inhabitants by name, keeps the nursing staff on its toes, plays pool with the guys and Scrabble with a gal friend, is in the process of publishing a book, and writes poetry. ■ And, speaking of poetry writers, **Bett Carroll Notter** has offered to help lead a poetry reading at our 50th.

1951

Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, RD 2, Box 540, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

Eleanor Flandreau Josset writes: "Philippe and I still live in Bridport, VT, 14 miles west of Middlebury. I still miss my good college friends and look forward to Reunion in 2001. Since 1996, we've seen Ken and **Carolyn Sackett Coleburn**, Frank and **Marge Mering Sherman**, Jim and **Mary Selman Mcintosh**, Tiuu and **George Terner**—a joy every time. Wish we saw more! Have been to two weddings in France since 1996." ■ Dr. **Elizabeth H. Nelson** (liznlson53@aol.com) writes: "I have just become a director of Open Univ. in the U.S.A. The O.U. began in 1970 in the U.K. and today has 170,000 students studying undergraduate and postgraduate courses via multimedia materials and programs. Two hundred thousand graduates since 1970 are a testimony to the student support systems. No prior qualifications are required. Our partners in the U.S. are California State and Univ. of FL as providers, plus PSB and BBC Worldwide as channels." ■ Ski Report: **Joan Macklaier Birkett**, residing in a small town in interior British Columbia, has a wonderful ski development nearby called Panorama. She can also helicopter over it with her son, a forest consultant. Daughters in San Francisco and near Vancouver keep her e-mail going, and she talks frequently by phone with former ski teammate **Betty Sutherland Panet-Raymond** in Montreal. Joan assists a literacy program at a local college. Another fan of Elderhostel, she toured Bali, Indonesia, two years ago. ■ After 41 years in their home near Trenton, NJ, **Don** and **Pat Ray Christiansen** moved 3 1/2 miles to the Four Seasons retirement community at Hopewell, where they are settling into one of 160 brand new houses. Their two sons and families are nearby. Don keeps his hand in at Alling & Cory, Inc., and enjoys golf. Cruising is a great love—30 trips so far, including one aboard the *Grand Princess* for its first sailing into New York harbor. They were anticipating a great visit with **John** and **Helen Reid Gilmore** at land-locked Mohonk, NY, resort. ■ **Sally Liptrott Edmondson**, also in NJ, opened an advertising and PR agency in Philadelphia in the '70s and then worked seven years as marketing VP in investment banking. Married 15 years ago, Sally and Dick's combined family boasts five children and 10 grandchildren. Sally's daughter, Robyn Stone '81, who teaches in Villanova's business program, has been active in Midd alumni affairs. Sally's son is a software production manager near Philadelphia. Sally and husband Dick enjoy Yale '51 reunions with **Char Clark Hay** and husband Dave (also Yale '51). ■ Now retired from her career in the Hanover, MA, schools, **Ann Graham Baird** is actively promoting a children's conservation education in her role as garden club conservation chair. She and Cameron live in the house her mother owned since 1942. They are blessed with six grandchildren, one a senior at Cornell. ■ Scituate, MA, neighbors David '50 and **Mary Krum Dale** had a fine time at the annual summer weekend at Lake Willoughby, VT, with Ken '50 and **Carolyn Sackett Coleburn** and Jim and **Barbara Lukens Calkins**. Lots of kayaking! ■ Our hearts go out to **Jo Overlock Hoffmire** whose husband, Phil '49, died in August. They first met in the college choir our freshman year. Deepest sympathy to Jo and her family.

1952

Class Secretaries: *Carol Whitham Brewster, Pond Rd., P.O. Box 296, Manchester, ME 04351; and Charles A. Ratté, P.O. Box 3446, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557.*

In the beautiful surroundings of NH's Sunapee Mountains, a preliminary 50th Reunion planning group got together in September. While admiring Mary and **Doug Webb**'s landscaping handiwork—including a chain of trout ponds, which Doug says the local population of blue herons love—the assembled group decided sooner was better than later to begin discussions for planning and considering possibilities for making our 50th Reunion something really special. Please send any suggestions you have concerning your wishes for reunion to one of your class secretaries. And get in touch with fellow classmates, both individually and through this column, to encourage them to make plans to be in Middlebury for this momentous event. ■ **Flo Upham Lundegard** recently retired from teaching and enjoys volunteering with kids and doing some Elderhosteling. She definitely plans to attend the 50th. Says it sounds great! ■ **Jack Varney** writes: "I retired from PRC, Inc. (a Litton Co.) in late 1996 and promptly moved to Huntington Beach, CA, to a house I bought in 1970 as a naval officer. It has been rental property ever since, so Becky and I have had fun upgrading it for the past year; a great house, three blocks from the beach. H.B. is a lovely small town. Everything is just a few blocks away. You can be skiing at Big Bear in two hours, and then come home and garden! Yawl come if in southern California!" ■ John and **Carol Holmes Phillips** took an Elderhostel tour in June, bicycling through northern Holland with a group of 10 Americans and 10 Canadians. Carol had a luncheon get-together in Bristol, NH, with **Connie Stowe Leathers** and **Marilyn (Brin) Brindley Labe**. She said they "talked of our activities on the field-hockey field and basketball court." ■ Copenhagen resident **Joyce Rohr** has been visiting the U.S.—"mainly so my children won't forget what I look like!" She and husband Olfert Voss are spending January and February—Scandinavia's darkest months—in CO. Due to Olfert's archaeology work in Italy, they have a flat in the Italian hill town of Campiglia, where they were recently visited by Grey and **Barbara Cummiskey Villet**. Joyce says, "We have yet to get them up to Copenhagen. And may I add that if travels bring anyone else our way, please do contact me (phone: <45> 38.87.32.23). We promise you a beautiful in-depth tour of the Danish National Museum, courtesy of my husband who is the head archaeologist there. Incidentally, Olfert and I just celebrated our 10th anniversary. Life in Denmark continues to be a gift on every level. Each year I get to know more and more of Europe, due to our attendance at other museums and at myriad concert halls, thanks to my own little classical music management business. I have been threatening for years to stop, but evidently I'm still lying to myself. Coaching and touring soloists and small chamber ensembles is exasperating, outrageous, and finally, extremely rewarding! As stats go, my two sons have one son each, and both families have taken on foster children as well. Their great generosity amazes and gratifies me. My daughter still continues her acting and singing career, supported by editorial work. My husband's two children are still in school (medical for his daughter; geology for his son) and still trying vainly to help me master the invincible Danish language! You can hear and judge for yourselves when you visit us! (Rohr & Voss, Grondalsvej 47, 2000 Copenhagen F., Denmark.) ■ **Dave Paulson** and wife Eileen journeyed from Venice, FL, to Darrington, WA, last July for a family reunion with their three children and seven grandchildren. On the way they visited Ceddy Sherrer '53, partaking of his culinary talents—and I assume a round or two of golf, since Ceddy's home overlooks the golf course at Widgi Creek, Bend, OR. Another enjoyable side visit took them to Vancouver Island, BC, to visit Bill '54 and Pat Gibbs Carpenter '55. ■ We are sorry to report the death of **Bill Frei**'s wife of 48 years, Cordie. Sadly, she died on his birthday, June 5, 1998. You have our complete sympathy, Bill, and we grieve with you. ■ Although **Carol Whitman Brewster**'s husband was hospitalized last fall with pneumonia, he was convalescing at home in late October. ■ We (**Chuck Ratté** and Judy) have moved! It all happened very quickly. We sold our house in Montpelier, closing on July 29. We put everything in storage and took off for a five-week vacation in the Canadian Maritimes. Now we are on Martha's Vineyard, renting until we can find a suitable house to buy. My permanent mailbox address appears above.

1953

Class Secretaries: *Richard T. Allen (rtallen@bluecrab.org), P.O. Box 172, Oxford, MD 21654; and Mrs. Joseph W.S. Davis, Jr. (Ann Golding) (sensei@valley.net), P.O. Box 3, The Ridge, Orford, NH 03777.*

Greetings from your new class secretaries. That's right, secretaries. **Dick Allen** has kindly consented to be our co-secretary. Please note his name, address, and e-mail address at the head of this column. In our first official column since assuming the secretarial duties, we invite all of you to communicate with us either by mail or e-mail, so that we can really keep the class up to date. A great big vote of thanks go to **Dave** and **Carol Jennings Clemens**, who have done a really super job as class secretaries for the past five years. You are a hard act to follow, but we will try to catch up to you! ■ Once again, as Carol and Dave told you in the summer issue, their last column, our 45th Reunion was just wonderful. It was great to see so many classmates, many of whom I (Ann) had not seen since graduation (my fault, not theirs!). Having lived in the Château for two of my four Midd years, it was amazing to see it suited up for today's college student—and coed at that! (Mlle. Binand would be shocked, I'm sure!) Convocation on Saturday morning was a moving experience for all of us. For me it was especially moving to have Dr. Freeman there at 100 years of age. Another highlight was watching the 50th Reunion class having such a good time and thinking that will be *us* in 2003! Congratulations to everyone who helped raise the largest gift ever for a 45th Reunion class! A job truly well done. Now we must do the same thing for our 50th! ■ I had a wonderful telephone conversation with **Bob** and **Nancy Peck Royce** before reunion. They really wanted to attend, but had a conflict in their schedule. They are all set to join us in 2003, though. Buzz had forwarded our class banner, which was proudly displayed in Mead Chapel for the Convocation. ■ I also had a nice chat with **Bill** and **Ann Austin Brackett**. Hope they will join us in 2003 as well. ■ Another wonderful gathering of '53 alums was the Annual Gordie Perine Alumni Golf Tournament held the weekend after Labor Day. Among those enjoying the festivities were **Don Beers, Dick Allen, Irv** and Ellie Hight '51 **Morris, Gardner "Buzz" Tilton, Skip** and **Sue Valentine Jennings, Ceddie Sherrer** (all the way from OR), **Dick Fenton**, and **Bob Kelly**, along with Joe '52 and **Ann Golding Davis**. **Pat Hamilton Todd**, who now lives in Middlebury, joined us for some of the social gatherings. It's a wonderful tournament with many attendees from the classes near ours, so it provided a great chance to catch up with many old friends. ■ **Millard Davis** photographed and documented more than 100 natural places in NJ for his latest book, *Natural Pathways of New Jersey*. This book provides a wonderful guide for each habitat. He tells how and when to view bird migration along the Atlantic Flyway and introduces the Pine Barrens, as well as providing mile markers on the Garden State Parkway to guide the reader through the changing landscapes. Illustrated with more than 100 black-and-white watercolors by Valerie Smith-Pope, Bill's book is a must for NJ visitors and nature lovers. ■ One sad piece of news: We just recently learned of the death of **Joan Roy Woodin** on October 24, 1997. The last we knew, she was living in Cambridge, England. Has anyone kept up with her who could tell us more? Please let us hear from you before we go to press for the spring issue of *Middlebury Magazine*! Remember, there is a postcard in this magazine that you can pull out and send along to the College with your news and it will be forwarded to us for the column. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

1954

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Robert B. Nickerson (Nancy Whittemore) (forger@prodigy.com), 4 Osprey Ln., Mystic, CT 06355; and Mr. M. Richard Davenport, P.O. Box 365, High Falls, NY 12440.*

The weekend at Bread Loaf for Alumni Leadership Conference last September was VT at its best! **Jaycee Cole Miller, Sally Green Risberg, Tom Ryan, Dot Kimball Hart**, and I (**Whit**) had an unplanned mini-reunion in preparation for the real thing in May. We do hope many of you are planning to be there, because there are exciting changes taking place on campus and it's rewarding to renew old friendships! If you would like to help make this one an extra special weekend, please contact the Boardmans at 860-749-3914. And let's all give thoughtful consideration to the Bicentennial Campaign appeal and our reunion gift. We'd love to increase participation.

PHOTO CAPTION Jane and **Wayne B. Daniels** climbed a mountain to celebrate the marriage of their younger daughter, Caroline, on August 8 in Breckenridge, CO. Joining them at the summit of Quandary Peak, Summit County, CO, were older daughter Katherine Daniels '84 and niece Debra Daniels Mulcahy '78. Wayne and Jane have retired in the Blue River Valley, where they own a mountain chalet shadowed by Quandary. Katherine and her husband live in North Salem, NY. Both are attorneys and enjoy early morning and weekend horseback riding. Debra owns an engineering survey practice in Ludlow, VT. She farms and enjoys the four beautiful VT seasons which, as Wayne says, "we all learned to love, see too seldom, but reminisce about very often."

1955

Class Secretaries: *Katherine Hughes von Hartz (jvhartz@mindspring.com), 111 E. Second St., New York, NY 10009 (212/982-7932); and Frank E. Punderson, Jr. (fepund@aol.com), 1209 Cider Mill Rd., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

We are sorry to report the death of **Jane "Jenny Kate" Reynolds Collins** on August 14, as the result of an auto accident. Her memorial appeared in the fall issue. I (Kathy) called Chaplain Scott and he told me that he had remained close to Jenny Kate since her Midd days when she did a lot of baby-sitting for the Scott children. He officiated at her marriage to Wally in Hartford, CT. He said that Jenny Kate had been showing a relative around Boulder when the accident occurred. This was especially tragic for the three Collins children—Neil, Mayly, and Martha—who lost their father, Walter Collins, only last fall when he suffered a brain aneurysm during a vacation trip to Cape Cod. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them.

1956

Class Secretaries: *John Chase, 2000 Sage Canyon Rd., St. Helena, CA 94574; Joan MacKinnon Houghton (jmackho@aol.com), 422 Taylor Pl., Ithaca, NY 14850; and Lee Goodrich Tupman (etlgt@aol.com), 309 Cloverway Dr., Alexandria, VA 22314.*

Judy Holmes Cowan and **Charlie Robinson** both grew up in Ludlow, VT, and attended school together from kindergarten through Middlebury. For the first time in 22 years, Judy and Charlie and their spouses got together for a catch-up visit in Rutland, VT, where Judy was visiting her parents last September. ■ In August, about 50 San Francisco Bay area alums met in Napa at Chase Ranch for a great day and a nice mixture of old and new alums. ■ After retiring at the end of January, Boston's sales marketing mogul **Jack Kettell** and wife Beth will spend winters in Naples, FL, and the remainder of the year in MA. ■ Back from Venice, **Spaulding Taylor** is launching a new business with a partner. Utilizing data base technology, "Art Bytes" will digitalize artworks for museums, colleges, and private collections to preserve art inventories permanently. ■ **Lyman Gilmore** is writing a history of Antrim, NH, a pro bono effort for the local historical society. He keeps in touch with fellow author **Zane Hickcox Kotker**, who lives in Northampton, MA. Zane is finishing a book called *Queen of the Mountain*. She reports memorable visits in the past year from **Florence Hildreth White, Wendy Buehr Murphy, Ginny Collins, Rosamond Mueller Dauer**, Mel Gussow '55, and **Margaret Dickie**. ■ **Peter Brigham** stays active as head of Learning Skills, with offices in Northampton and FL. "Working hard, but playing a lot of golf," he says. ■ **Marvin C. "Kip" Cheney** also splits time between CT and Palm Springs, managing his wind machine business. ■ **Bob Pritchett** is in a long-term hospitalization and would love to hear from classmates. He can be reached at Menlo Park VA Hospital, 795 Willow Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025 (phone 650-493-5000, extension 22266). ■ **Sally Thomson Clark** has donated one of her artworks to the Mohawk Valley Center for the Arts. Entitled "Fragment II," the work was included in an art raffle in September to support art programs throughout the Mohawk Valley. Sally's work has been exhibited throughout NY State, has won numerous awards, and is in collections around the country. She is an active member of the Central New York Watercolor Society and an associate member of the American Watercolor Society. Sally and Tom have three Middlebury offspring: Betsy Clark '79, Judy Clark Rollins '81, and Timothy Clark '85.

1957

Class Secretaries: *Polly Pitcher Gabriel (jerryg@crocker.com), 120 Huntington Rd., Hadley, MA 01035; and Heather Hamilton Robinson (crobinson@top.monad.net), P.O. Box 3141, Peterborough, NH 03458.*

First time grandparents **Pete** and Sue Lewis '58 **Read** accompanied daughter Debbie '86 with baby Kate as far as London last October, when mom and babe returned home to Morocco. ■ Following a long teaching career (mostly middle school science), **Pete Howell** joined the retirement ranks on August 24. He was feted with a celebration of friends and family. Now he and **Lee Johnson Howell** are in the house-building mode. Their dream

Summer at Mirror Lake (see 1957 column)

house on the Cape is coming true. ■ Our thoughts have been with **Charlie Palmer** who suffered a severe eye injury from an airbag in an auto accident in late summer. With luck he will regain some vision in that eye. We are wishing you our best, Charlie. ■ **Polly Pitcher Gabriel** celebrated her 40th wedding anniversary with her family in September. We are sorry to hear that husband Jerry has been troubled with a bad back. Since he is her "computer expert," Polly had to discontinue use of her e-mail address, when lightning wiped out her fax and computer. ■ **Sabra Harwood Field** was featured at the Frog Hollow Craft Center in Manchester Center, VT, throughout the month of August. Although she is utilizing new technologies to achieve a range of hues, she reports that her "goal is still to take the first line drawing and turn it into a pattern which will enhance memory and emotion. Art has always been the ordering of our surroundings to make them more meaningful. That isn't going to change!" According to the gallery manager, Sabra creates their most popular prints: "She is the artist most identified with Vermont's pastoral qualities."

PHOTO CAPTION Broadus and **Betsy Mathewson Bailey** assembled several NH '57ers at their summer place in Mirror Lake, NH, in early September. Locals Pam and **Dave Tuttle** and Charlie '56 and **Heather Hamilton Robinson** joined the summer folk, including **Wayne** and **Pam Clark Reilly** for a festive lunch and gab session. Wayne is on sabbatical from fall 1998 to spring 1999, and Pam is planning to retire from Hollins next year in order to become a "recognized" grandma.

1958

Class Secretaries: *Stephanie Eaton, 243 Pleasant St., Littleton, NH 03561; Joseph E. Mohbat (75610.3476@compuserve.com), 551 Pacific St., Brooklyn, NY 11217; and Ann Parnie Ormsbee, 1699 Candelero Ct., Walnut Creek, CA 04598.*

After 34 years with W.R. Grace & Co. and a recent merger with Sealed Air Corp., **Bill Barenborg** (billbarenborg @msn.com) was looking forward to retiring on January 1. "Plans may include retirement to warmer climes—perhaps Charleston, SC. Anyone who lives there and wishes to advise of pros and cons is welcome to drop me a line." His three children are grown and doing well. One daughter is a fashion designer, another is a chiropractor buying her own practice, and his son is with Mobil Oil. ■ **Jock Glidden** retired last June, after teaching philosophy for 29 years at Weber State. "So far it suits me. It's not just weddings and funerals yet. It's nice to take your time on a project or a trip. If an extra day slips by—well, no matter. I've entertained moving, getting a second home, and so on. But with the prospect of the 2002 Winter Olympics coming to UT, life is interesting enough right here." ■ **Bonnie Mairs** and a friend were driving to ME, when their car's alternator died: "Had a fine lunch with John '57 and **Ginny Havighurst Middleton** while the car was being repaired. I can heartily recommend the Middleton rescue service!"

1959

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Anthony Balabon (Kay Shook), 615 Wallace Dr., Wayne, PA 19087; and Dr. Byron H. Koh (byron_koh@spfldcol.edu), 136 Lincoln Ave., Amherst, MA 01002.*

Since taking early retirement from Computing Services at Concordia Univ. in June '97, **Anne Goebel Barkman** has been doing some consulting and has enjoyed taking courses in German, furniture making, and Visual Basic. She gets to see quite a bit of her children and three grandchildren, who live in Montreal, and she is looking forward to our 40th in May. ■ Enjoying living in Minneapolis, Bill and **Sally Wagner Hague** have access to all the cultural happenings of the Twin Cities and to the attractions of northern MN, where they hope to retire eventually. Sally volunteers in mental health, continues with choral singing, and travels extensively with Bill, taking annual trips to Scotland, and journeys for family get togethers in Anchorage, San Diego, and Ann Arbor. They have two granddaughters. ■ From Philipsburg, PA, **Sally Gray Bock** writes that she is the happy new grandmother to Chance Andrew, whom she sees a lot. Besides baby-sitting, she enjoys tending her flower gardens and growing hybrids. ■ **Millicent Fairhurst** is a production consultant in the children's book div. of Simon & Schuster. After 18 years, she resigned her position as principal viola for the Brooklyn Heights Symphony, but she still plays the occasional odd job and continues her 12-year affiliation with a string quartet. **Maren Glasoe Hexter**, **Anne Goebel Barkman**, **Priscilla Ferguson Stauffer**, and **Anne Martin Hartmann** were all at her big 60 party. ■ Chick and **Gayl Maxwell Braisted** sold their home in Chappaqua and have relocated to VT, where they plan to build in the Middlebury area. ■ **Prudy Smart** is involved with CT Race for the Cure. She also plays a lot of golf, has visits from the family, and sees **Betty Mix Waisanen** and **Dorothy Williams Calkins**. ■ Our deepest sympathy to **Ailene Kane Rogers** who lost her husband, Lee, in a car accident last March. Our prayers are also with her as she battles cancer. She reports that treatments are going well. On the up side, she has had much support from good friends, including Mike and **Mary Lou Moore Pappas**, Ken and **Hastie Moseley Purdy**, **Bob** and **Sue Chapman Hansen**, **Barbara (Bobbie) Hart Decker**, and Pat and **Fred Swan**. Ailene continues to teach biology at the National Cathedral School in DC. Her two daughters and two granddaughters live in the area; son John is in Andover, MA. ■ After 37 years in public education (8 as a teacher, 14 as a principal, 15 as a supervisor), **Nancy McKnight Smith** retired in February of '97. She certainly doesn't sound very retired, however. In addition to coordinating the National Research Study for Early Head Start at Catholic Univ., she is also grants administrator for the Calvert County (MD) public schools. In the community she has been secretary of her church and the League of Women Voters, as well as vice chair of the local management board (the Systems Reform Initiative). Quite a busy gal! Whew! ■ **Sue Work Knirsch** sends a delightful story about Chaplain Scott officiating at the marriage of her youngest daughter. The ceremony took place on a beach and his robes were blowing in the wind, "making him look like Moses about to part the Red Sea!" Her friends thought he was wonderful, too, and wanted to know where she had "found" him! She is enjoying her three grandsons—a different ball game after having three daughters. Sue still plays a mean game of tennis, swims daily, and volunteers at the women's prison located nearby. She's looking forward to the reunion. ■ In October, your secretary (Kay) had a delightful visit from **Carolyn Thrasher Weh** (of Madison, WI), who came to Cornwall (PA) to visit her mother, Margaret Smith Thrasher '34. As it was a very rainy day, our only excursion was a drive through scenic Valley Forge Park. ■ David and **Cynthia Hall Marshall** are just now experiencing the empty nest (Aren't they lucky they've had kids around this long? KSB). Their youngest, Caroline, is playing "Big East" tennis at Georgetown Univ. Cynthia works with David's business (US Tec), works with disadvantaged children and families in the inner city of Rochester, and does freelance graphic design. They saw many Midd folk at the wedding of Breck '60 and Sue Hibbert Lardner's '60 son. Cynthia is in touch with **Martha Larsen Bissell** and **Anne Martin Hartmann**. ■ **Gayla (Gay) Harper Buccino** reports that she is not quite ready to retire, but is working toward it. She and Ray took up sailing and she's active in a "no kill" dog rescue group and shelter, which she finds very satisfying. The Buccinos live in Houston, as does one daughter Linda and her husband. Another daughter, Amy, and her husband live in CA. Gay finds e-mail a plus and CA a great place to visit. ■ **Paul** and **Betsy Butterfield Denison** divide their time between CA and WY, but consider WY home. Closing a wholesale clothing business, Betsy now operates an importing company that focused on support of local artists in Third World countries. She has found herself in many exotic places and finds the work fascinating and rewarding. Betsy and Paul have three children, including Paul '83, and one grandchild. ■ Another busy lady is **Pam Payne Lewis**, who teaches professional speaking at the Heinz School of Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon and maintains a private practice in the Alexander Technique. She chairs the board of directors for the Bach Choir of Pittsburgh and serves as alto section leader for the choir. Pam is also on the board for the North American Society of Teachers of Alexander Technique. Son Peter is a Russian Orthodox monk in CA; son Kevin works for the state of WI Dept. of Health. Pam's husband, Gordon, also teaches at the Heinz School. They

are both looking forward to the 40th. ■ Ron and **Nancy Frame Sveden** are having a lot of fun while working very hard at Sveden's of Cape Cod, a fresh and smoked seafood market in Dennisport. They have mastered the art of smoke-cooked seafood and have made their creations available to consumers who are not fortunate enough to live nearby. Smoked salmon and smoked bluefish, along with smoked dips, may be ordered by calling 508-394-7300. On a recent trip to Las Vegas, Ron and Nancy ended up at Grand Canyon, where they met **Earle** and **Betty Layer Hoyt**. A couple of years ago Nancy got together with **Katie Bush Hardy** in Dorset, England. In her "spare" time, Nancy is the youth director at the Brewster Baptist Church and substitute teaches in the Nauset school system. Nancy and Ron have a son, a daughter, and two granddaughters. ■ Thanks to 20 classmates who have volunteered to assist the 1959 Gift Committee for the 40th Reunion co-chairs, **Pete Erbe** and **Granthia Lavery Preston**. Expect a call from one of them in the coming weeks as they strive to attain our class goal of 85 percent participation. Remember the Reunion dates are May 28-30, 1999!

1960

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After 18 years of teaching in several third-year abroad programs in Aix-en-Provence, France, **Anne McKenzie Jourlait** was appointed director of academic affairs at the Institute for American Universities (iauaca@univ-aix.fr). Son Marc is in marketing at Hewlett-Packard in the Silicon Valley. Daughter Claire '95 received her M.A. from the Middlebury German School in 1997. After completing a second M.A. in German at the Sorbonne, Claire hopes to teach stateside in '99. ■ Also permanently in Europe is **Barbara Henry Parry**, who lives in Leeds, England, and teaches English as a second language to immigrants from the Asian subcontinent. She has "tagged along" with her husband on visiting professorships to (most recently) Vancouver and Kyoto. The Japanese connection fascinates her. She runs a regular summer school for students from Tokyo and next year will go to Kobe to teach at a women's college. Barbara became a Quaker a few years ago and attends a 1697 Meeting House. She and her husband also like to hike in the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District. ■ Still active in politics in Cambridge, MA, **Geneva Tallman Malenfant** just left the presidency of the Cambridge Civic Assoc., but is still involved with the Cambridge Community Foundation and has also been appointed to a committee for the comprehensive rezoning of Cambridge. She and her husband enjoy summers in RI and vacation in Puerto Rico and FL in winter. Last year they also traveled to Nice, France. ■ **Nancy Phillips** is the mental health case manager for the Refugee Resettlement Program in Portland, ME, working primarily with refugees from the former Yugoslavia. She regularly visits her daughter and new granddaughter in Providence, RI, where her mother's family has lived since the time of Roger Williams. Nancy's Tibetan Buddhist teacher comes once a year to ME. Last summer they had a nine-day retreat attended by 80 people. This winter she plans to spend some time near Charleston, SC, with former husband Brad Hudson. ■ Also in SC, in Greenville, is **Angie Larossa Randall**. Her two sons have each provided three grandchildren, four of whom are under four years of age. All live within 30 miles of Angie. Last spring she spent a lot of time at home with husband John, who was recuperating from heart bypass and carotid artery surgery. He is now better than ever, so they are busy and active again. Now enrolled in a "Computers for the Terrified" course, Angie expects to have an e-mail address one of these days. ■ **Dick Wilkinson** sends an update: "After 33 years and 3 months of working for the Navy here in Annapolis, I am not shy, but I am retiring. Started as a technical illustrator here in September 1965, after release from active duty. 'Here' was the Marine Engineering Laboratory at that time. After numerous name changes, it is now the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Annapolis Detachment, where I *AM* the graphics/visual information branch. The site has been 'downsized' and is being moved to two other locations. I have chosen not to move and took a 'buyout' that makes me retired as of January 1999. I will stay on under civilian contract, probably, until final closure in late 1999. While working here, I continued with the Naval Reserve and got to be a Lieutenant Commander, going to inactive reserve after 20 years and 6 months of reserve duty. Remarried in 1991 to Judi, who has been back with me to the 30th and 35th and to Bread Loaf the last couple of years. Still trying to talk her into a place in VT. She is unfortunately NOT a big fan of winter. My "kid" is a programmer for the IRS in DC no less. Has NOT helped my tax load one bit. My granddaughter (4.5) is showing signs of being a pretty sharp cookie and may be Midd material for the class of 2020 or thereabouts." ■ **Penny Pitou**'s travel business keeps her on the go. She now has three NH offices, in Laconia, Concord, and North Conway. In the winter, lots of Midd grads join her personally escorted European ski trips. During the summer, she leads hiking trips in the Alps. In Europe last summer she spent four weeks with hiking groups and 10 days with grandson Dylan Zimmermann (6), who lives in Kirchbichl. She skied with son Kim (Dylan's father) on the Tuxler Glacier in the Ziller Valley. In September, Penny spent two weeks in the Alps with a group of "Over the Hill Hikers." The oldest was 80, the average age 72! In November she returned to Vail to participate in the "Return of the Champions" and visited with **Rene Cox Gorsuch**. ■ **Lindy Hill Reed** left biology teaching in Wheat Ridge, CO, more than five years ago. When part-time work for the school district on standards and curriculum became closer to half than quarter time, she quit completely, except for occasional substituting for friends. As she puts it, "Why get paid when you can work for free?" She does volunteer work, speaking in schools for Planned Parenthood, teacher training, Zero Population Growth, and giving general talks on population. She also volunteers in a church group and for an AAUW project group. Last summer she and her mother took a Mediterranean cruise, visiting Turkey, the Greek Islands, and Sicily. No sooner did she return than Don and **Nancy Mumford Mulvey** came for a couple of days. They were in Boulder for the wedding of Don's cousin to our own **Jan Otto**! ■ **Charlie Rand**, of Richmond, VA, retired in 1996 as executive VP of marketing and a bunch of other stuff at Crestar Financial Corp. After dabbling in consulting, he decided what he really wanted to do to make a living was be an active investor. He's even making some money. When not on-line (chhovey@aol.com) with friendly stockbrokers or doing research, he does things he never had time for. His latest outing was a week of canoeing, camping, and "living off the land" in the northwest ME wilderness. He took in the Van Gogh exhibit in DC, plays tennis, and skis the West. With school-age kids at home, Charlie is still an active father, operating in the world of PTA, orthodontists, soccer games, report cards, and piano lessons—things that are probably distant memories for '60 classmates, but seem for him to be a permanent destiny, having raised two others who are well into adulthood. ■ In October **Paula Hartz** spent a week at the Berkshire Choral Festival in Salzburg, Austria, where a chorus of 180 voices assembled from the U.S. and Europe. Under a wonderful choral director from Vienna, they sang Schubert's *Deutsche Masse* in the Mondsee Kirche and Beethoven's *Mass in C Major* in the Salzburg cathedral—a glorious experience. The festival is offering a bounty for tenors, so if there are any out there, let Paula know. ■ Bridget and **Sidney Dickson** spent their month-long September honeymoon on a trip across the U.S. by motorcycle and sidecar—primarily on unpaved trails. The route utilized paths and rights-of-ways through forest and parks and country roads. One goal of the trip was to demonstrate the practicality and joys of relaxed travel through many parts of our richly scenic land, where old fashioned ways of life hold sway. ■ As for the rest of you, let us know what you are up to. Now that I (**Jean Seeler**) have e-mail (jeandave@mindspring.com), you have no excuse for not keeping in touch. Thanks to all for your Xmas cards.

1961

Class Secretary: *Steve Crampton, RR 1, Box 127, Tarbox Rd., Jericho, VT 05465.*

Mother **Carolyn Bennett Jackson** is once again organizing her children for a week of skiing and festivities. Headquarters will be at Breckenridge, with plans to ski the various CO resorts in the vicinity. The dates are February 6-13. Anyone who would like to join this august group should call Carolyn (802-462-3446) or make reservations directly at the Village at Breckenridge, Windham Resorts, 1-800-800-7829. Join the **Southards, Moores, Grays, Dawes, Cramptons, Jacksons**, and others. ■ Spoke with **Sandy Anderson** at her home in CO. Now single, Sandy is specializing in travel, having recently visited Italy, Carmel (CA), NH, and VT (for frequent visits with her mother, who sill resides in Rutland). Daughter Leslie has produced Sandy's first grandchild, Nicholas. Retired from her former business, Sandy is now hard at work for Vail Associates, marketing the CO card to attract front-range people to Vail and the other ski resorts that Vail Associates owns. ■ Nice phone call from **Gary Ardison**, who is still in family practice in the York, PA, area, where he and wife Linda Tanner Ardison '62 have resided since medical school. Gary sees retirement about five years around the corner. Daughter Amy is a clinical psychiatrist in Chicago. Younger daughter Betsy, who lives in York, presented Gary and Linda with their first grandchild almost two years ago. Gary and Linda planned to spend Christmas in the AZ high desert with son Matt, who is a physician's assistant practicing on a Navaho reserva-

tion. ■ **F. Paul Frinsko** has been elected to serve on the Gorham (ME) Savings Bank board of trustees. A senior shareholder in the Portland law firm of Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Paul has lived in Gorham for 30 years and is a past chair of the Gorham Town Council. ■ A news clip from the archives of the Winsted (CT) *Evening Citizen*, informs us that **Leelaine Rowe Picker** was named the new director of St. James Nursery School in July of 1973. Leelaine and husband **John** are still residents of Winsted. ■ **Anne Fisher Ellwood** was so disappointed to find no news of our class in the last magazine that she sent an update from Pleasant Grove, UT: "I have retired this past year from nursing. A bittersweet decision—had six hospitalizations and five surgeries in 17 months. I'm now very much involved in genealogy work and LDS Church activity. Have seven grandchildren—not including my Hopi Indian foster family." ■ Thanks to those who sent news! We want to hear from all of you. Why not tear out the handy insert card you will find in your magazine and drop us a line?

1962

Class Secretaries: *Judy Bosworth Roësset, 11909 Arch Hill Dr., Austin, TX 78750; Ben (Jim) Rosin (benrosin@aol.com), 475 Quaker Rd., Chappaqua, NY 10514; and Bonnie Boyd Russ, 11 Ringbolt Rd., Hingham, MA 02043.*

Class Secretary **Bonnie Boyd Russ** reports: It was great to see **Jean Yeomans Lamson** at the Midd gathering in VT last summer. She and Al live in VA, where Jean works for United Airlines. They are beginning to think "retirement" in the next few years—to ME or southern NH. Their son, Tim '93, works for the government in DC. (Jean says he is *not* a White House intern!) Daughter Kate teaches school on a Seminole Indian Reservation School in southern FL. ■ **Sue McLaughlin McFadd** of Hingham, MA, has a challenging and exciting job at Abington High School, where she is working hard to achieve NEASC accreditation for the library. Husband Barnard is a guidance counselor. Daughter Christina has her MBA from Simmons College and works for the consulting firm of Booze, Allen, & Hamilton in DC. Son Douglas is interested in photo journalism. He's studying English, working as a newspaper photographer, and has also worked for the Associated Press. Sue and Bernard returned to Midd for Homecoming this year and really enjoyed themselves. The weather was "gorgeous" and they stayed at Bread Loaf, where they found the program fun and stimulating and enjoyed renewing Midd connections. ■ We recently welcomed another '62 classmate to Hingham. **Charlie Woodard**'s wife, Rose, is a member of the Lincoln family of Hingham and they have returned to live in her ancestral home, where they enjoy living close to the town square. The Woodards have two daughters, Caroline and Sarah '92. Sarah and her husband, Kyle Knight '88, live in TN. ■ Randy '61 and **Nancy Gould Clark** live in Windsor, CT. They have two Midd kids, Heather Clark '89 and Rebecca Clark Bennett '92. Nancy has a grandson, Nicholas (19 mos.) and a new granddaughter, Taylor Anne, born in August to daughter Melissa. Having retired in June, Nancy is now back at work 10 days a month at CIGNA in support and real estate systems. She and Randy recently enjoyed a great weekend in PA, visiting Midd friends Sheila and Art Caramella '61, with Paul '61 and Linda Ryman Frinsko '61 and Art Myles '60. ■ **Diane Alpern Parente** writes from Scranton, PA: "The youngest of my nine children (seven girls, two boys) will be graduating from Scranton Preparatory School this May and will follow her eight brothers and sisters to the Univ. of Scranton or another Jesuit Univ. Due to chronic fatigue syndrome and bipolar disorder, I am doing freelance writing from home. Would like to hear from classmates at 611 Hemlock St., Scranton 18505." ■ Class secretary **Judy Bosworth Roësset** reports: **Kathy McKinley Harris** continues to write and has published a number of poems. Her two daughters, Susanna (28) and Elizabeth (24) are sharing an apartment in NYC. Susanna, a Skidmore graduate, is pursuing a career in dance; Elizabeth, a Wellesley grad, is a journalist. ■ **Jackie Ross** is still enjoying her job with ETS and doing a lot of traveling. She's having fun being grandmother to Tanya (nearly 2). ■ Bill and **Judy Fawcett Beach** are still in London for the time being. Somehow they're managing to build a home in AZ while on a different continent. I (Judy) had lunch with them in September when Jose and I were in London for an engineering conference. I'm still doing bilingual testing of pre-k children twice a year for the Austin Independent School District and traveling as much as possible before I get too decrepit. A friend and I joined a British group to walk for two weeks in Tuscany in May. It was great fun and fueled the hunger for adventure, rather than satisfying the urge, so now I'm trying to figure out what the next destination should be.

Bridget and ***Sidney Dickson*** *spent their month-long September honeymoon on a trip across the U.S. by motorcycle and sidecar—primarily on unpaved trails.*

1960

1963

Class Secretaries: *Janet Brevoort Allen (janballen@aol.com), 2 Arizona Pl., Huntington Station, NY 11746; and Christopher J. White (crnbrycst@aol.com), 15 W. Cavalier Rd., Scottsville, NY 14546.*

1964

Reunion Class

Class Secretaries: *Barbara Bailey Hollister (bbh@ homer.att.com), 1347 Stony Brook Ln., Mountainside, NJ 07092; and Robert J. Baskin (bob.baskin@mail.house.gov), 805 A St. SE, Washington, DC 20003.*

Congratulations to **Susan Bass Noel**, who received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Univ. of WI, Milwaukee, in May 1998. The degree was awarded on Mothers' Day and her two children were present. Mark graduated from the Univ. of MT the following week and Chris is a sophomore at Wesleyan Univ. Susan is the managing editor of the *Journal of Clinical Psychology* at Northwestern Univ. ■ Next September, **Michael Mone** will become the 50th president of the American College of Trial Lawyers (ACTL), a national organization with 5,000 members. He is now serving as president-elect for one year. Membership in ACTL is by invitation only, for attorneys who have a minimum of 15 years of trial experience. A partner in the Boston firm of Esdaile, Barrett & Esdaile, Michael is recognized as a specialist in litigation. He represented former Norfolk County district attorney Bill Delahunt '63 in Bill's bid to validate his election to Congress. He also made headlines when he represented the family of the late *Boston Globe* reporter Betsy Lehmann, who died of a hospital-administered drug overdose. Michael served as president of the MA Bar Association from 1993 to 1994, and received the MBA's highest award, the Gold Medal, in 1997. ■ After 33 years in the insurance business, **Dick Hawley** (crhawley@together.net) of Underhill, VT, volunteers his assistance to people considering an insurance career. "Also, if someone is thinking of riding their bike across the U.S., I have done that recently and am always happy to talk about that experience."

1965

Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and Frederick W. Stetson (fredstets@aol.com), 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

Michael McCann (mmcan@ibm.net) writes that he is "consulting to large companies (like United Airlines and Corning and Mobil) in the arenas of teams, leadership, inclusion, and diversity." Divorced in 1997 after 28 years of marriage, he reports that he is in a relationship with Sharon Kennedy, a graduate of Queens Univ., Belfast, Northern Ireland. He's living in South Venice, FL, while she lives in Dublin, "which makes for big phone bills and other life challenges. Something will change soon, but I wonder what." His two children are "doing well: Jorie (Marjorie) is at Lewis and Clark College, while JB (Jonathan) is at Eagle Hill School, a school for significantly learning disabled kids in Hardwick, MA." ■ **Elizabeth Farnsworth**, chief correspondent and principal substitute anchor of public television's *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, received an Alumni Achievement Award at Homecoming this fall. Back on campus, she offered a behind-the-scenes look at how the *NewsHour* is put together and explained why it differs in format and philosophy from most other news programs. She also discussed journalism as a career with aspiring reporters and producers. An expert on South America, Elizabeth's achievements as a journalist are many. She is an award-winning producer and director of television documentaries and an accomplished writer on foreign policy for publications such as *The Nation*. ■ Good news from **John** and **Nancy Sherman Walker**, who are now the proud grandparents of Jackson (5), Adelaide (2), and Ella (5 mos.), children of son John '88 and his wife, Susan, in Lancaster, PA. John and Nancy's younger son, Pete, is in graduate school at VA Commonwealth Univ. in Richmond.

1966

Class Secretaries: *John Rehlen, The Manse, P.O. Box 275, Castleton, VT 05735; and Charlotte Stetson, 10 South St., Middlebury, VT 05753.*

On Homecoming weekend, several members of Theta Chi fraternity gathered for dinner at Fire & Ice. Brothers from '66 in attendance included **Bill Ames, Bill Burke, Ken Andersen**, and **Chip Elfner**. Friends from other classes and guests included Bill Potter '62, Chris Burden '64, Row Clark '64, Ned Pinkerton '64, John Roy '64, Duncan Kendall '65, Dick Wien '67, John Lord '67, Peter Knobler '68, Rick Murphy '67, Ed Hilton '69, **Val Somers Demong**, **Charlotte Stetson**, Jennie Jerome '67, Meredith Wilson Sumner '67, and Lindsay Patterson Allison '68. Some amazing stories were told and a great time was had by all! ■ **Stephen F. Sanborn** writes that he "had to move from one part of Kittery to another last November. Same mailing address. Same job. Recreation mostly walking, with occasional mountain hikes when I get a chance. Kittery barely escaped effects of last winter's ice storms, but on a couple of trips upcountry this spring I found damage disheartening, especially to white birches." ■ Also in ME, **Ken Macauley** has been appointed an investment executive with Key Investments, Inc., in Rockland, Camden, and Belfast. He lives in Rockport. ■ A memorial appeared in the fall issue for **Carlisle F. Lustenberger**, who died on August 29. According to a newspaper report, Bud died as the result of a biking accident in Penwood State Park in CT. Investigators believe he dropped about 200 feet, landing at the bottom of a rocky cliff. He had hiked to the top 100 peaks in New England and was in the process of mastering all the 14,000-foot mountains in CO. We send the condolences of the class to all of his family.

1967

Class Secretaries: *Susan Davis Patterson (spattchs@pop.k12.vt.us), 67 Robinson Pkwy., Burlington, VT 05401; and David E. Robinson (wissco@juno.com), 31 Summer St., Nashua, NH 03060.*

It is with a heavy heart that I (Sue) report the death of **Dana Brigham** on Thursday, October 8. His wife, Lynette Eckes, wrote to me soon afterward. Many of you remember that at our 25th Reunion Dana was waiting to hear the results of tests for colon cancer. When he returned home he was told they were positive and he was operated on soon thereafter. Several of us visited him at his parents' home in Newton, MA, during his very quick recovery from that surgery. He met Lynette through his cancer treatments and brought her to our first class picnic at Lake Dunmore. For the past six years, we have enjoyed following Lynette and Dana's trips and "peak bagging" all over the world. Classmates from Milton Academy, Middlebury, or Harvard Business School living near their travel route were always included on the itinerary and wonderful discussions would unfold when Dana was in residence. Dana certainly lived in the moment and celebrated his love for people and places. Shortly after our 30th Reunion, Dana and Lynette decided to marry and did so too quickly and quietly for us to be included in the festivities. They were true mates and I'm so happy that Dana found his. Nine years ago, when Dana visited Tom and me in Australia, he spoke at length about wanting someone to share his adventure travels with him. He rightly said that much of the pleasure of traveling is in sharing the memories afterward. Dana taught that truth to many of us through his wonderful "Midd memory" and told great stories at reunions of exploits that involved many of us. Dana's death is another great loss for our class group. Dana's colon cancer recurred and, despite all medical treatments, he never had another remission. Lynette wrote that there will be a memorial service for Dana on March 20, 1999, at the Harvard Club in Boston. ■ **Donald Elliman**, who received an Alumni Achievement Award at Homecoming this year, spoke on campus, sharing insights from his work at *Sports Illustrated, People, Time*, and *Entertainment Weekly*. Donald's present position is executive VP at Time, Inc., handling strategic assignments such as oversight of new media advertising and the development of CNN/SI, a 24-hour sports news network. ■ The Women of '67 now have a "chapter" in the West as well as the East. Acting on a news tip from **Roxanne McCormick Leighton** (hard working Midd trustee), whom I saw at Bread Loaf in September, I talked to **Alice Milnor Norton**, who is semi-retired and living in Boulder, CO. Alice hosted a group of '67 Women—including **Weebee Holloway Brown, Penny Parks McDonald, Susie Park Weissman, Bo Perkins, Meredith Wilson Sumner**, and **Heidi Mountain**—for a weekend in Aspen, CO. In New England, **Livvy Barbour Tarleton, Helen Martin Whyte, Cathy Buck Leary, Margot Childs Cheel, Freddy Mahlmann, Sue Schweickert Macy, Anne Cole, Sue Rugg Parmenter**, and **Susan Davis Patterson** gathered at Susie's cabin on Lake Dunmore for hiking, talking, eating, and dipping in very cold water. ■ "For the past three years," **Mary Anne Crecelius** writes, "I've been one of those dread creatures, a lobbyist! However, I'm a volunteer lobbyist, working to end hunger and poverty, with an international organization called RESULTS. Most of us are unaware that every day 35,000 children die, mostly from preventable diseases and malnutrition. RESULTS is based on the premise that what is necessary to change this situation is political will. For example, thanks to RESULTS volunteers, $700 million next year will go into the Child Survival and Diseases account in the foreign aid budget. Working with RESULTS reminds me how privileged I am to live in a democracy. But if all this sounds depressing, believe me, it isn't! RESULTS is one of the most joyful things I have ever done. I call it 'the antidote to cynicism.' If anyone would like more information about RESULTS, please feel free to e-mail me at macrecelius@juno.com or call me at 412-363-0962. ■ As of the end of June 1998, the Class of 1967 Scholarship Fund had a book value of $206,737.75 (the amount that has been contributed to the fund). The Market value of the fund was $410,314.62 (the amount the fund is worth due to investing). Remember that you may earmark your annual giving to our class scholarship fund or give in memory of a deceased classmate.

1968

Class Secretaries: *Bentley Gregg (gregg.bentley@epamail.epa.gov), 418 East St. NE, Vienna, VA 22180; Nancy Brooks Richardson (dr44@aol.com), 6 Cameron Rd., Wayland, MA 01778; and David Weinstein, P.O. Box 414, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819.*

Bill McCollom reports that he and **John Morton** spent October 1998 on a trek through the Khumbu region of Nepal, near Mount Everest. They crossed a high altitude pass to the Gokyo area before descending back to Katmandu. During their journey, they met a number of other hikers, including Sir Edmund Hillary, Jon Krakauer, Kaji Sherpa (who recently broke the speed record to the Summit of Everest), and the wife of the ill-fated Everest guide, Rob Hall. Back in VT, Bill reports that he has been on campus a number of times since the beginning of the fall '98 semester, because son Eric started his freshman year at Middlebury. ■ **Bob Friedman** (rifmd@ix.netcom.com) reports that just after our 30th Reunion in 1998 he completed his second Boston-to-Provincetown Bike Tour, a two-day, 153-mile fund-raising event for the American Diabetes Association. Bob and his two teammates raised the most money of any of the teams! ■ **Rick Vomacka** (rvomacka@usa.net) reports from OH that he is general manager of Emergency Products & Research, Inc., a manufacturer and seller of prehospital emergency medical products (such as spinal backboards, automated defibrillators, CPR mannequins, etc.). Rick had previously been the editorial director of a publishing company in the prehospital care field for 10 years. He also remains active with Phi Kappa Tau, serving as domain director for six fraternity chapters in the northeastern OH and Buffalo area. During the summer of 1998, he received an award as the Best Domain Director for PKT in the U.S. ■ Effective at the end of 1998, **Phil Giuntini** resigned as president of American Management Systems of Fairfax, VA, a major information management services company. His responsibilities had been in the area of the telephone services business, including software and hardware support. ■ With an MBA in finance and marketing (Univ. of Chicago), **Charlotte Sibley** worked at Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson, Thomas J. Lipton, and Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette before becoming director of market research at Medical Economics, the largest medical publisher in the U.S. In 1987, she was hired by Bristol-Myers Squibb to head the worldwide business research and information group. Then last year she was hired to open the U.S. office of Isis Research in Princeton, NJ. Her firm assists pharmaceutical firms in deciding which products to promote and how. Isis has its own internally owned and operated fieldwork agency and has more than 110 research executives worldwide. Charlotte is president of ISIS Americas, with responsibility for Canada, Mexico, and South America. She says of her job, "It was the opportunity to build a team. I do it very well and I love doing it. It re-energizes me." She and husband Leif Magnusson live in Plainfield, NJ, with their "his and hers" cats.

1969

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Juliane Wallace, 142 Central Ave., Montclair, NJ 07042; and William H. Hearne (whearne@kodak.com), 324 Ayrault Rd., Fairport, NY 14450.*

Congratulations to our class newlyweds, **Ginny Hopper Mead** (vegan@ncia.net) and **Jim Hoverman** (see photo). ■ Remember to make your

Ginny Hopper Mead '69 and Jim Hoverman '69 (see 1969 column)

plans to be in Middlebury May 28-30 for our big 30th Reunion!

PHOTO CAPTION Middlebury alumni celebrating the September 5 marriage of **Ginny Hopper Mead** and **Jim Hoverman** included **Kathy Rouse Carr**, mother-of-the bride Susan Hathaway Hopper '37, Heather Mead Jack '95 (Ginny's daughter), the newlyweds, **Susie Shattuck Truitt, Connie Coffin Carter**, and Jack Hopper '61 (Ginny's brother). The wedding took place at the Spalding Inn in Whitefield, NH.

1970

Class Secretary: *Andy Wentink (andy@bccls.org), 232 Fycke Ln., Teaneck, NJ 07666.*

Karla Brooks Baehr is the interim superintendent of the Lexington, MA, public schools. With a master's in educational administration from Harvard and a doctorate from Boston Univ., Karla taught social studies at the high school and middle school levels before moving into system-wide school administration. She was a superintendent for nine years in Wellesley and, in 1995, became an assistant prof. at Lesley College, where she also directed the graduate program in educational administration. ■ **Bill Wallace** has been elected to the board of directors of Input/Output, Inc., a "world leader in seismic acquisition technology for land and marine exploration." Bill is an independent consultant with more than 35 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. ■ In Manchester, CT, **Sue Ellen Thompson** opened the 1998-99 season of the Cheney Hall Broadside Series with a reading of her poetry. Winner of the 1986 Samuel French Morse Prize for her first book of poems, *This Body of Silk*, Sue Ellen's second volume, *The Wedding Boat*, was published in 1995. Her work has recently appeared in the *Georgia Review, Southern Poetry Review, Tar River Poetry*, and the *New Virginia Quarterly*, among others. She has also contributed essays to several anthologies. Sue Ellen was the 1982 National Arts Club Scholar in Poetry and the 1987 Robert Frost Fellow at the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. Sue Ellen and husband Stuart Parnes live in Mystic, CT.

1971

Class Secretaries: *Dr. Susan R. Thornton (thornton@spectra.net), 22 Vincent St., Binghamton, NY 13905; and Mr. Barton M. Hall (barth@mwbioag.com), P.O. Box 182, Blue Mounds, WI 53517.*

We must report with sadness the death of **Alleyne Howell** on September 18 in a para-gliding accident. Alleyne was renowned as a printmaker. His works of art supported him and his family and hung in galleries throughout the nation, as well as in the offices of U.S. Senators Leahy and Jeffords. Many of our class will remember his upbeat nature, his ready smile, and his high spirits when his band played for our 25th Reunion. He is survived by his wife, Kay; son Blair; and daughters Thea and Nelle. A memorial is included in this issue of *Middlebury Magazine*. ■ From Arlington, MA, **Steve Early** writes that he spent his "summer vacation" in CT, helping to organize a successful month-long strike against Southern New England Telephone Co. by 6,300 new members of the Communications Workers of America. Steve works for CWA as a Boston-based international union representative. During the strike, 2,000 workers shut down Wall Street in New Haven, CT, in front of Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. Steve was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct for using a bullhorn to urge strikers to enter the street to shut it down. The end result of the strike was a new contract with significant increases in pay for workers in the union. Steve has also contributed chapters to labor-related books published in 1998 by Monthly Review P. The MRP collection is entitled *A New Labor Movement for the New Century*. Steve's piece describes his CWA organizing strategies that have produced a 200 percent increase in membership in New England over the past four years. ■ **Jimmy Hartman** has a book coming out in March 1999 from the Johns Hopkins Univ. Press: *Providence Tales and the Birth of American Literature*. Jimmy is an adjunct prof. of English literature at Queens College, York College, and Hofstra Univ. His oldest son, Jakey, is studying for his Bar Mitzvah in June 1999. ■ **Drew Knowland** reports plenty of changes. Daughter Dorothy Anna Tuohy arrived on November 19, 1997—a great present for her dad's birthday! As of February 1998, Drew has a new job at Hammer Technologies, where he is responsible for developing a call-center market for the company's automated test systems. Son Andrew started kindergarten in the fall of 1998. Drew recently purchased a 1948 Tropicana pinball machine to polish up and refurbish. This is an electro-mechanical model, no fancy printed circuits or high-tech gizmos. A refreshing change. ■ **Howie Verman, Taxi Smith, John Lawson, Peter Quinn, Bruce Foust, Jay Goyette**, and **Jeff Rand** got together on October 17 for their Seventh Annual Foliage-Poker Game. Taxi writes: "Our team won the basketball game. No one was injured. The snoring was heard all the way in Burlington from our condo in Sugarbush." ■ In Lakewood, CO, **Francie Marbury** continues to move around the Jefferson County Public School System. She's now a staff developer working with fifth and sixth grade teachers with language arts curriculum, assessment, and instruction. "My oldest son, Keil, spent last summer clerking for Federal Judge Bill Sessions '69 in Burlington. A great experience!" ■ **Carolyn Kroll Reidy** was featured in the November 1998 issue of *Vanity Fair* as one of "America's Most Influential Women: Two Hundred Legends, Leaders, and Trail Blazers." Carolyn is the president and publisher of Simon and Schuster's trade division.

1972

Class Secretaries: *Jennifer Hamlin Church (jhchurch@sienahts.edu), 11151 Summerfield Rd., Petersburg, MI 49270; and Judy Wingham (bjsmith@netcom.ca), 417 Guildwood Pkwy., West Hill, Ontario M1E 1R3, Canada.*

Dave Sheldon (cmdsheldon@home.com) writes: "Our family just added our first home computer and it makes an Internet update to class notes a breeze! I am starting my 25th year in banking—all with the same company (although the name's changed numerous times). Currently, it's Fleet Financial Group, and I am able to spend 10-plus days a month in Boston. What a great city! My wife Marta and I have been married 16 years and our son Christopher is enjoying seventh grade. We still live in NJ, where I enjoy the shore, as well as flower, vegetable, and water gardening in my free time. I have managed to get back to VT annually for backpacking in the Green Mountains with hiking partner and long-time friend Ralph (Rip) Mason ('73). All the best to our '72 classmates!" ■ **Diamond Jim Gamble** (jgamble@comp.uark.edu) will present a paper entitled "Out, Over, Back, and Up: The Phenomenology of Movement in Solomon and Sheba" at the 1998 Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Philological Association in Hot Springs, AR, October 29-31. The paper examines "direction consciousness" of Sufism (Islamic mysticism) as expressed in stories of Solomon and the Queen of Sheba found in the Qur'an and the poetry of Rumi, a Sufi poet. DJ is a third year Ph.D. candidate in comparative literature, specializing in French Canadian and Arabic studies, at the Univ. of AR, where he "maintains undying interest in and loyalty to men's and women's ice hockey at Middlebury." ■ **Hilary Shapiro** of Stamford, CT, has been appointed general manager of EventPro of Greater NewYork L.L.C. in Stamford. This event management company is a newly created subsidiary of EventPro Services Inc., Indianapolis. Hilary was formerly the owner of Scenario, an event and marketing communications firm in Stamford. ■ **Virginia Milkey** ran for a fifth term as a state representative in Brattleboro District 1 in November. Gini has served as vice chair of the House Commerce Committee and is a House representative on the VT State Nuclear Advisory Panel. She also serves on the boards of the Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center (which she helped found) and the Alliance for Building Community. ■ **Gavin Cullen** has bought a new home in Colleyville, TX, "to accommodate the extra kid. Matthew is now one year old. I've lived in apartments smaller than his new room! Life is good in Dallas/Ft. Worth." ■ **Catherine O'Neill Grace** is living on the campus of Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall, a boarding school in Waltham, MA, where husband Don is head of school. While working as an editorial director at a Boston magazine publishing company, she is still writing children's nonfiction and a weekly column for the *Washington Post* health section. "It's a lot of fun. I'm also excited about a new project. I'm working on an adult book about children's friendships with Dr. Michael Thompson, a Cambridge (MA) psychologist and author of the forthcoming book *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Lives of Boys*. Have any anecdotes—good, bad, funny, painful, inspiring—to share about your kids' friendships? Give me a call (617-427-9977) or e-mail me (howwhy@aol.com). We're looking for about 60 children, ages 6-18, for interviews." ■ **Fred Danforth**, co-founder of Danforth Pewterers, received an Alumni Achievement Award at Homecoming this fall. Fred and wife Judy are designers of fine pewter pieces and owners of what is now a multimillion dollar company with over 50 employees. He held an open studio at his

retail shop, just across the footbridge at Otter Creek Falls, where the entire Danforth line was on display. He also demonstrated his pewtering skills, using his antique lathe and discussing his 25-year career as an artisan/business owner in VT. ■ Since our 25th Reunion, **Steve Cella** (stephen.cella@bnpgroup.com) reports a January mini-reunion with **Daniel Suman, Rod Oneglia**, and **Bill Lucas** at Daniel's home in Miami. In June, Steve hosted Daniel and Bill at his San Francisco home for several days, but conflicts prevented Rod and **Bill Wells** from being there. Plans were also in the works for another get-together in January or February at Bill Lucas's home in Kona. Steve writes: "I read with interest the latest notes from the Class of '72 and was saddened to hear of the death of Cynthia Bear's husband. I hope to attend Alumni College next September at Bread Loaf and I hope other members of the Class of '72 will come for a pre-millennial re-reunion. Daniel Suman has also expressed interest. I still can't get over seeing people like **Peter Lawless, Lee Ferry**, Daniel Suman, and others I had not seen since we left Midd in 1972. What a wonderful experience. In other news, in July I accepted the position of VP and senior credit officer with the San Francisco office of Banque Nationale de Paris (new work phone: 415-956-0707 or stephen.cella@bnpgroup.com). Keep in touch!"

1973

Class Secretary: *Robert E. Buxbaum (rbuxfree@aol.com), 35 W. 92nd St., #6E, New York, NY 10025.*

The class secretary baton has been passed. A heartfelt "thank you" goes to **Kit Fuller** and **Bob Badger** for serving so ably over these past five years. They have enjoyed hearing from long-lost and not-so-lost classmates, and we are all grateful for their work and good spirit in passing along the news to us. Having taken on the job, I would love to find a partner in this effort. If you are interested, e-mail me at the above address. By the way, I live in Manhattan with wife Sonia Gluckman and our son, Evan (soon to be 15). After years working on planning, finance, and facilities issues in New York government, I am now a consultant. While I have not stayed in touch with many classmates over the years, I rediscovered and made some powerful new connections at the 25th Reunion in May. I hope you all take the opportunity to drop me a line or to say hello if you happen to be in the neighborhood. ■ Jeff and **Pam Taft-Dick** and their three children (ages 16, 14, and 10) are living in Pakistan, where Jeff is country director of the World Food Program under FAO in the U.N. The children attend the American International School, where Pam is active on the school board. They own a home in Springfield, VT, so that the whole family can come "home" to VT for six weeks every summer. They want to maintain their VT roots, although they have been living abroad for 20 years. With a master's in teaching English as a second language, Pam has taught German—which was especially challenging when she taught German *in French* in the country of Chad. She also acquired fluency in Italian when the family was living in Rome for three years. They have also lived in Mali, Liberia, Mauritania, the Philippines, and Pakistan. Last March, Pam's parents, Barbara and Hugh Taft '44 visited them in Islamabad. Hugh will be celebrating his 55th Reunion at Middlebury this spring. Write to Pam at P.O. Box 1051, WFP Country Office, Islamabad, Pakistan. ■ **Peter Hamlin** has been promoted to full prof. at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. A teacher of music composition and theory at St. Olaf since 1992, Peter has written compositions for orchestra, choir, chamber ensembles, opera, solo vocal music, and electronic and computer media. He has also been a radio and television fine arts broadcaster, winning two national awards from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

1974

REUNION CLASS

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Susan Knoll (korver@planet.net), who teaches high school in NJ, had the challenge of teaching her district's first AP psychology course. "All students who took the AP exam in May scored 4s and 5s. All got advanced status or college credit for the course. I was very proud of them. I also received the Teacher of the Year award for the second time. In April I was elected to the Board of Education of my town and I'm now seeing what it's like on the other side of the table. I recently located Judith Gibbons, Midd physiological psychology professor 1973-74, via Judith Harris's book *The Nurture Assumption*. Gibbons was mentioned in the preface as having helped Harris with the book, so I wrote to Harris and asked if Gibbons had taught at Middlebury. Bingo! It was the same person. Gibbons is now at the Univ. of St. Louis. Small world. My husband, already retired, is waiting for me to put in a few more years of teaching and for my son to finish high school. I visited Middlebury last summer on my way back from Burlington. It doesn't seem that long ago we were there." ■ **Andy Wasserstrom** (ja-wasserstrom@nwu.edu) is an assoc. prof. of medicine (div. of cardiology) at Northwestern Univ. Medical School, where he is one of only a few faculty with a Ph.D. "I'm fortunate to be in a position of spending nearly all my time doing research into the function and pharmacology of the heart. We also had the great good fortune in 1997 of spending a six-month sabbatical at the Univ. of Oslo, where we grew to love Norway. Developed many good friendships and took the family traveling in Europe, as well as in Scandinavia. My wife, Susan Kelly, and I put our three kids—Leslie (then 14), Nell (then 12), and Ross (then 8)—in Norwegian schools for the max experience. Of course all the teenagers there speak fluent English, so our kids did just fine. It really was a great and unforgettable experience for us all and the work went well enough to result in several publications and an ongoing collaboration. In fact, I just returned from there last week (November). I recently had my first brush with the law—on the right side, of course! I was the foreman of the jury hearing the suit of Michael Jordan by a movie company, claiming he had broken a contract back in 1988-89. It was a fascinating case and the other members of the jury were great. It was a great experience and I got to meet MJ (and even got an autograph!) after it was all over. He was innocent, by the way, and they were looking for some cash!" ■ **Anne Weathers Ritchie** (76423.2151@compuserve.com) writes that she is "still living in South Freeport, happily miles away from L.L. Bean and all the tourists. My educational consulting practice is going very well. I place students in various secondary schools and programs around the country. I work with high school students most of the time, but occasionally junior high and elementary kids. Most go on to boarding school, but some go into therapeutic programs or wilderness skill programs. Fascinating and rewarding. I'm pretty involved in education and serve on the board of trustees of the White Mountain School, a boarding and day school in Bethlehem, NH, and the Merriconeag Waldorf School here in Freeport. Life is good!" ■ **Mary Harrington** is the new minister of Marblehead's Unitarian Universalist Church. Her inspiration to become a minister occurred while serving in a Hospice program in Sonoma County, CA. It was then that she developed a reputation in her small town that she was someone who could be counted on in a crisis. She doesn't claim to have any glib answers to the problems of pain and death, but she has the understanding that "God is the force in creation that is love, that is life affirming, creative, and essentially good and compassionate. God is a life force to care for us, grow with us, struggle with us." She entered seminary in Berkeley at the age of 39 and served as an interim minister in Houston, TX, and Santa Rosa, CA. She now lives in Marblehead, MA, with husband Marty Teital, a consultant on environmental and human rights issues, and their two children, Julia and Samuel. ■ **Paul Phillips** (pablophil@aol.com) of South Weymouth, MA, is president of the teachers union in Quincy, MA, with 850 members and four bargaining units. "Useful, but not lucrative work." Paul informs us that he and **Sarah Smart Phillips** are now divorced and that Sarah is living in Braintree. Paul says, "See you at reunion." ■ And we hope to see *everyone* at reunion. Make plans to be in Middlebury, May 28-30!

1975

Class Secretaries: *Becca Gustafson Brown (bbrown@casys.com), 1 Roseland Rd., Worcester, MA 01609, and Tony MacDonald (macemmert@aol.com), 150 12th St., NE, Washington, DC 20002.*

Becca Gustafson Brown reports: Your class secretaries had a delightful weekend at Bread Loaf, where we attended the Alumni Leadership Conference last September. The season was making its gradual shift from a particularly verdant summer into the glory of autumn in VT. Some of the trees we admired from our chairs on the Inn porch changed to orange and gold during the three days we were there. We were both reminded of our freshman orientation at Bread Loaf in that pivotal fall of 1971, and then of subsequent reunions there, our 5th and 10th. It is a splendid setting and a springboard for rich memories of the three times we all spent together during our college years. During the conference, we sat in on some preparatory meetings for the Class of '74 to begin planning for its 25th this coming spring. This made us realize how rapidly our *own* reunion is approaching and gave us new enthusiasm about our gathering in 2000, which coincides with the 200th anniversary of Middlebury College. As we anticipate this historic event, we want to encourage you to send us some news about your lives to share with everyone in this column. Your responses will inspire others to send news as well, and help to build mo-

mentum as everyone begins to realize how great it will be to reconnect with old friends at our 25th Reunion. If you are in touch with any fellow classmates, please urge them to write to us and to make definite plans to join you and the rest of our class in glorious Middlebury in the spring of 2000. When you come, you will be AMAZED at (and quite envious of!) the spectacular new facilities, but you will be heartened by how much the character of the College has remained the same. Looking forward to hearing from each and every one of you. ■ In the meantime, several classmates have been heard from. **Mark Edward Hower** (mhower@callison.com) and wife Heidi are living in Seattle, where Mark is a project architect at Callison Architecture. ■ Harvard, MA, resident **Lee Cochrane** was elected VP and treasurer of Courier Corp. in July. He has worked with Courier since 1985. With a master's in taxation from Bentley College and an MBA from Rutgers, Lee is a CPA and a Certified Cash Manager. ■ **Jane Brown** would like classmates to know that she has recently changed her name from Jane Brown Bambery to Jane Roy Brown. Living in Somerville, MA, she is senior editor at Appalachian Mountain Club's member magazine, *AMC Outdoors*, in Boston. Her work contact information is in the magazine and she would love to hear from any Midd classmates who are AMC members. ■ **Kathy Smith Ward** (kward@calibresys.com) sends an update: "Lockheed Martin convinced the Wards to leave the hustle of DC for the lakes and egrets of Orlando, FL." She reports that they found "a community that thrives away from the 47 million tourists on International Drive." ■ **Kathleeen Harleman** joined the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art as chief executive officer on October 1. She defines her duties as the same as those of a museum director. Kathleen is the former associate director of Wellesley College's Davis Museum and Cultural Center. With a master's in art history from Johns Hopkins and an MBA from the Univ. of Ottawa, Kathleen worked in Canada for 12 years, first as chief of registration at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa, then as director of exhibitions and facilities at the Art Gallery of Ontario in Toronto.

Midd teachers at Woodstock (see 1976 column)

1976

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Jennifer Cogswell reports: Not too much news, but I did see some faces on the Pan Mass Challenge Ride from Stockbridge to Provincetown for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Raises several million each year. There were 3,000 cyclists and one of them was **Dave Middleton**. Way to peddle, David! ■ I'm going to be in the credits for the new release of a feature film by Universal Pictures called *Meet Joe Black*, with Brad Pitt, Anthony Hopkins, and Claire Forliani. Jake Weber '86 appears as the sneaky corporate schemer. I will be credited as assistant barge coordinator, Rhode Island unit. All pyrotechnics for the fireworks in the final scenes were on barges. I was also marine coordinator and water transportation safety coordinator, for which they did not credit me. Such is life with the big movie companies. ■ **Marion Adler** has returned from Europe, so we look forward to hearing from her. ■ **Greg Venne** is a VP with Golin-Harris, an international public relations firm in Boston. He works on various accounts, including Nortel Networks, Gillette, and Compaq Computer Corp. ■ If you're sick of wedding photos, be sure to check out the one below.

PHOTO CAPTION These Midd alums are probably among Woodstock Union High School's best teachers and—as you can see from the photo—definitely the cutest. **Wanda Seeley Stetson** teaches 7th grade global studies, **Lynn Fisher** teaches mathematics, Karen Rogers '93 and Bob Riccio '69 (M.A. Spanish '89) teach Spanish, and Janet Chioffi (M.A. French '71) teaches French.

1977

Class Secretaries: *Virginia L. Jones (giniajo@aol.com), 250 County St., Taunton, MA 02780; and Katie Lange Dolan (katie-dolan@msn.com), 4 Beach Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538.*

Those College connections work around the globe. Middlebury is active in places as far away as Bangkok, where **Steve Maire** recently hosted a Middlebury dinner. We hear these meetings are happening everywhere; if you've attended one recently, whether organized by the College or informally by a group of alumni, please drop us a line so we can include some details in the next column. ■ **Jacquie Phelan** (jacquie@batnet.com) plays two different kinds of banjo: five-string and tenor. She writes, "I have the Midd Bluegrass Festivals of the '70s to thank—the brainchild of students in the Allen dorm. I heard Putnam String County Band and salted away the experience" ■ **Mathew Calkins**, with a new degree from Union Theological seminary in NYC, was recently appointed assistant to the rector at Christ and Holy Trinity Church in Westport, CT. ■ **Ginni Jones**, in between her other projects, is also writing quilt patterns on a freelance basis for Chitra Publishing's three quilting magazines and several books. ■ **Billy Strauss** was reelected by a healthy margin to another term in the MA State House as the representative of Mattapoisett. Billy has focused upon legislative support of funding for education, school management reforms, transportation, and environmental issues.

1978

Class Secretaries: *Michael Abend (mikeabend@aol.com), 119 Maple St., Carlisle, MA 01741; David Jaffray (djaffray@workstations.com), 18427 Heathcote Ln., Deephaven, MN 55391; Holly James Kartna (hollyk@hendrie.com), Hawthorn Cres., Brampton, Ontario L6S 1B1, Canada; and Helen Cooke Pyne (hcpwrite@aol.com), 69 Stern Ln., Atherton, CA 94027.*

Carolyn Smith Graves writes: "I retired from the army after 20 years of active duty. My retirement coincides with my family's move from HI (where we saw a lot of **Sally Lent Ho**) to Arlington, VA. I shall stay home to watch Beth (11) and Frederick (9), while my husband, Ralph, works in the Pentagon." ■ **Craig** and **Leslie Shahan Taylor** live in Appleton, WI, with daughters Suzanne (9) and Karen (7). Craig owned and operated a registered Holstein farm for 12 years in the Fond du Lac area, but he's now a manager for Telmark in northeastern and central WI. He was recently honored by Telmark for substantially surpassing his annual sales and growth objectives. ■ Bedford, NH, resident **Joyce Rowe Cassidy** (jrcassidy@bkb.com) has been named BankBoston's Women's Banking Specialist for NH. She's managing implementation in NH of the Women Entrepreneur's Connection, BankBoston's new initiative to provide access to capital, access to information, and advocacy for women business owners. Joyce is VP of small business banking at BankBoston in Nashua, NH. ■ **Jenny Blocklyn Blanchard** is the new major gifts coordinator at WVIA public television and radio. She is the former assistant director of resource development at the United Way of Wyoming Valley. Jenny and husband Scott '77 live in Shavertown, PA, with daughter Katie (13) and son Peter (9). ■ **Mark Smith** was elected to the Bronxville, NY, School PTA board last June. Mark and wife Pamela De Jager have three children in school—Samuel (10), Hilary (8), and Roland (6). A resident of Bronxville since 1990, Mark is a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher and Flom. ■ On July 1, **Ken Gart** and his family closed a deal to merge Specialty Sports, Inc., with the retail operations of Vail Resorts, Inc. The merger results in a new joint venture with about 70 stores in CO and $70 million in annual revenue. The newly formed company, Specialty Sports Venture, gives Gart the opportunity to continue enjoying sports in a business sense, as well as in his personal life. ■ **Paul Cody** (pjcody@cisunix.unh.edu) of Pittsfield, NH, grew up to learn how to color outside the lines. He lives with Matt Jordan, Cindy Perkins, and son Kevin Perkins-Cody (8). Paul has been a psychologist at the Univ. of NH Counseling Center for 10 years. He also teaches at UNH and speaks nationally on gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues. ■ **Michael Abend** saw two classmates recently. He spoke with **Bill Badia** last summer when Bill stopped in Boston to visit Michael's brother, Aaron '77. Bill is living in London these days—his third overseas assignment with Goldman Sachs (Tokyo and Hong Kong being the others). Asia was a great experience, but Bill finds England more suitable to early middle age. He can actually afford to live in a detached house and join a golf club! Bill and wife Susan have two children—Stephen (6) and Brendan (5)—both of whom were born in Japan. Bill seems much the same as he was at Midd, though he points out that he has managed to put on a few pounds and lose much of his hair in the interim. (Who hasn't?) We discussed old times and recent events. Bill says he is committed to attending our 25th. ■ Secretary Abend also reports that he ran into **Paul Turner** at a local fair, where they had both been tabbed to judge the barbecue competition. As judges, Mike and Paul sampled ribs, chicken, and the like for two hours. (Nice work if you can get it!) All the tasting was conducted in a very serious manner to keep the chefs unknown to the judges. Paul stated that he got a lot of grief from friends last spring for missing reunion! He and his wife, Tracey Thompson-Turner '79, live in Lyndeboro, NH, on a spread they call Farside Farm (pt@farsidefarm.com). Tracey is busy managing investment issues for PC Connections, while Paul has spent his last 10 years operating a direct marketing firm. Paul promises to make it to our 25th.

1979

REUNION CLASS

Class Secretaries: *Donna Brewer MacKenna (dbmack@aol.com), 125 School St., South Hamilton, MA 01982; and Margaret A. Paine (mapaine@christa.unh.edu), 35 Edgewood Rd., Durham, NH.03824.*

Joseph Pierson writes: "**Julie Robbins** and I are still happily married and living in NYC with our two beautiful daughters, Phebe (8) and Helen (5). Julie is getting her master's in environmental law at Pace Univ. My partner, Jon Glascoe '78, and I are nearing completion of our latest film project, *Cherry*, a feature film shot in NYC. The film, a romantic comedy, stars Shalom Harlow (*In and Out*), David McCallum, and Heather Metarazzo (*Welcome to the Dollhouse*)." ■ Gov. Howard Dean has appointed **John Kassel** to head VT's Agency of Natural Resources. (See Newsmakers elsewhere in this issue.) ■ **Patrick Durkin** received an Alumni Achievement Award at Homecoming in October, when he spoke on campus on the fast-paced, constantly changing global business of finance and investment banking. A former member of the U.S. Treasury Dept., Patrick held various positions in the Reagan and Bush campaigns. He is noted for his community service and takes every opportunity to share what he has learned in the workplace and in his volunteer work with today's young adults. ■ Congratulations to newlyweds Alicia Pulsifer and **Henry Heyburn**, who were married in Brunswick, ME, on August 8. Alicia works in the creative department of L.L. Bean; Henry was a member of the campaign staff for Gov. King of ME. The newlyweds are living in Brunswick.

1980

Class Secretaries: *David and Laura LaFever Austin, 305 Swift St., S. Burlington, VT 05403.*

After launching a cartoon network for Ted Turner and living in Atlanta for four years, **Stephen Croncota** (croncota@warnerbros.com) is now at Warner Bros. in Los Angeles. "Bought Sonny and Cher's old house, and am spending much time extricating long black hair from the plumbing." ■ **Annie Teasdale** sends greetings: "I still live on Nantucket with my husband, Nigel Timms, and daughters Justine (4) and Sophie (1). Come and see us at 'Kiwi Johns' or look on our Web page for Nantucket memorabilia." ■ Congratulations to **Lucinda Jewell** and Peter Donohoe, who were married in Boston last August. With a master's from Harvard, Lucinda is founding publisher and editor emeritus at the Boston Book Review. Peter is owner and president at Maxout Corporate Fitness, Inc. Peter was a driver for the Irish bobsled team in the Nagano Winter Olympics. The newlyweds live in Cambridge.

1981

Class Secretaries: *Anne Borchardt Exler (exler@erols.com), 6160 Llanfair Dr., Columbia, MD 21044; and Sue Dutcher Wagley, 4060 Hanover Ave., Dallas, TX 75225.*

Carl and **Sally Rueger Barnes** (salpbarnes@aol.com) took daughter Caroline Anna (who turned one on September 1) to visit the Midd campus at age seven months. After two years of living in Hastings-on-Hudson, Sally ran into another Hastings resident, **Dana Larson Sher**—"on the playground of all places." Dana and husband Adam have a daughter, Ariel (3 1/2), and a son, Eli (6). Other Midd playmates include Anna Louise Schoenfeld (born in November 1997), daughter of **Cameron King** and Marc Schoenfeld, who live in NYC. "Anna and Caroline and their moms get together and trade parenting tips often!" ■ **Agnès Tabah** has moved back to DC, after spending four years in Beijing, China, with husband Steve Mufson and daughters Claire (6) and Natalie (4 1/2). While Steve was busy as the *Washington Post* Beijing bureau chief, Agnès was collecting and researching Chinese posters from the early 20th century. Agnès reports that she is now "at a career crossroads, trying to decide whether to continue my legal career, or embark on a new path in the art business." ■ "We've moved!" reports **Jim Stormont**. "Same old job, same old town [Marietta, GA], just a new address. I am chief financial officer of Stormont Trice Corp., developing and managing hotels." Jim and wife Beth have three children, Sarah (10), Mac (8), and Andy (5). ■ **John Hayes, Doug Dickson, Rick Ryan, Michael Price**, and their families (21 in all) got together recently to celebrate John's recent marriage to Nell McMahon, which took place on July 4 at Plimouth Plantation. John is a senior VP in the commercial banking div. of Rockland Trust. He lives in Rockland, MA, with Nell and sons Jack and Colin. Rick is a VP with National Media Group, a sports marketing firm based in Manhattan. He lives in Fairfield, CT, with wife Dolores and children Richard Jr., Matthew, Colin, Katherine, and Kiernan. The Dicksons live in Concord, NH, where Doug is dean of students at St. Paul's School. Doug and wife Laurie have three sons—Mackswell, Bowman, and Donovan. Michael and Wendy Price live in Wayland, MA, with children Jenny, Ben, and Nina. Michael is a principal of Eastport Real Estate Services, a real estate management and development firm that he started four years ago. ■ **Kerry Messer** and William Ibbs were married last September in Starksboro, VT. A graduate of the Univ. of NH School of Business, Kerry is the director of organizational development for TASC in Reading, MA. ■ **John McElhinney Weaver** has been named VP–general counsel of Capital Automotive REIT. He is responsible for internal legal affairs and the engagement and supervision of legal work performed by outside counsel. He earned his J.D. from Cornell Law School. ■ A heartbreaking message arrived from **Andy Mayer**: "I am very sad to report the death of my wife, Suzanne, on September 7, 1998. Suzanne battled breast cancer for almost four years. Through it all she kept her sense of humor and strong care for others. Will (6), Eliza (4), and I are settling in to a new reality. I'd love to hear from anyone at andy@sos.net." We extend the sympathy of the class to Andy and the children. They live in Anacortes, WA, where Andy is the director of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce (819 Commercial Ave., Ste. G, 98221).

1982

Class Secretaries: *Mary Beth Litster Cockerham (marybeth.cockerham@east.sun.com), 1262 Dartmouth Ct., Alexandria, VA 22314; and Ellen Harris Swiggett (jswigg@aol.com), 13 Georgetown Cir., Madison, CT 06443.*

Kathi Acord Gray and husband Martin Gray both work at Carrabassett Valley Academy. She writes: "I teach math and am the college counselor and my husband is the head women's alpine coach. He's a native New Zealander and goes down there every summer for ski camps. This was my first summer in four years when I stayed home with son Mitchell (born November 6, 1996)." ■ Congratulations to **Roger Harper** (rcharper@gs.com) and wife Heather, who welcomed son Patrick on July 29. Patrick joins brothers Reed (5) and Ryan (3). Roger and **John Tormondsen** (john.tormondsen@gs.com) are both at Goldman Sachs in NYC. ■ **David Richardson**, of Hamburg, NY, has been promoted to administrative VP at M & T Bank. ■ **Susan Long** (suelong@agate.net), who was reported in our last column as teaching in Bethel, ME, is now teaching physical science at Mountain Valley High School. She lives in Rumford, ME. ■ Last August, while en route to Southwest Harbor, ME, **Ellen Harris Swiggett** and her family stopped in Portland for a quick dinner at an outdoor cafe. Halfway through the meal, Ellen realized that the people seated at an adjacent table were **Peter Webber**, wife Maureen, and their adorable son, Sam (18 mos.). Peter (pwebber@mpn-ins.com) works in Portland for an insurance brokerage called Morse, Payson & Noyes. He is always happy to show people the best restaurants in the area or where to find the Alibi-type bars. Peter wonders where **Doug Thurston** is. ■ **Creighton Cray** (creighton.cray@chase.com) and wife Julie Gans and son Justin (2 1/2) live in Rye Brook, NY. An internal management consultant at Chase Manhattan, Creighton often thinks of his time at Midd and remembers his friends, especially **Eric Friedman, Greg Tolman, Malcolm Woollen, Keith O'Hara**, and **John Power**. ■ **Ben Bromley** and **Shevy Dulfano** have moved to Salt Lake City with daughters Shoshi (8), Maia (6), and Aliastra (2). Ben and Shevy are both teaching at the Univ. of UT. As a theoretical physicist, Ben finds plenty of time to contemplate the intricacies of the large scale structure, while admiring the natural wonders of the Southwest. They welcome all visitors—it's 15 miles to Alta—and hope to hear from old friends (bromley@physics.utah.edu). Shevy reports that they "visited in NH with Steve Brock (81) and **Leah Sirken**, daughter Mira (6), and son Tano (2). Tano was born just a day after our daughter, Ali. They all went frog catching while we caught up with Steve's photography exhibits across the nation and Leah's yoga classes." Shevy also informs us that "**Blake Stimpson**, wife Ann Naldrett, and daughter Louise have moved from OR to UC Davis, where Blake landed a job as an assistant prof. of art history." ■ David '81 and **Lydia Mason Hill** moved to Charlotte, VT, last spring from suburban Boston. Son Mason (6) and daughter Mariah (4) enjoy exploring their new environment. In a small-world story, they bought their home in VT from **Steve** and Amy Wright '86 **Kiernan**. Lydia would love to hear from Midd friends at 416 Higbee Rd., Charlotte, VT 05445. ■ Best wishes and congratulations to **Paula Carr** and Alexander Cummings, who were married in September. Paula is VP of corporate lending at Chase Manhattan Bank in NYC. Alexander is an information analyst at Siegel and Gale, a marketing consulting firm. ■ Thanks to all of you who have shared news with Ellen and me (Marybeth). For those who read this column but haven't kept us posted, please consider a belated New Year's resolution to share your news and drop us a line!

1983

Class Secretaries: *Ruth Kennedy (ruthk@garden.org), 231 Park St., Burlington, VT 05401; and Siobhan*

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Jeananne Thomas is a financial analyst in the college dean's office at the Univ. of Rochester. She writes: "I try to return to VT for a visit at least once a year, often visiting classmate **Hugh Coyle**." ■ Since leaving American Express last year, **Sam Martinuzzi** writes, "I have turned my back on the pursuit of riches and joined the L.A. Opera as the manager of planned giving. I help people design their estates to benefit our opera company." Living in L.A. with daughter Meredith (7), Sam is copresident of the L.A. MCAA chapter and "was recently back on campus, checking out the Zoo and RMC and looking for the long-lost Alibi." ■ Based in Parsippany, NJ, **Gus Stamoutsos** is regional VP of franchise sales, Northeast region, for ERA Franchise Systems Inc. He was formerly a franchise sales director at Coldwell Banker and president/owner of multiple businesses. He lives in Budd Lake, NJ. ■ In Manchester, NH, **John F. Weeks III** (john_f_weeks@ fleet.com) has been named senior VP at Fleet Private Clients Group. He is also active in many civic organizations. John and wife Gail Williams live in Bedford, NH. ■ **Tim** and **Cate Granger Zolkus** spent some time this summer on Cuttyhunk Island and made a quick trip to Niagara Falls. Cate writes: "I still love working in admissions at Amherst College, which has me traveling a bit in the fall. The boys (Brett and Scott) are in fifth and seventh grades." ■ From Seattle, **Drew Schembre** e-mails that he works for the Virginia Mason Clinic, a multi-specialty medical facility. This after many years in Salt Lake City (where he was a part-time ER doctor and worked part time in gastroenterology) and a year in NYC at Columbia-Presbyterian. He sees **Bep Greer Edwards** and **Daphne Perry** and would love to hear from other MiddKids located in the Seattle area. He says the skiing isn't as good as in UT, but the sailing (and the coffee) are better. ■ **Jenny Dragone** enjoys teaching fifth-grade language arts and math at Tashua Elementary School in Trumbull, CT. During our 15th Reunion last May, Jenny had great visits with **Sue Taylor, Tammy Burns Lomaki**, and **Julie Greer Kelly**. ■ **John Nelson** e-mails from Gloversville, NY, where he serves as pastor of the First Congregational UCC. "This is my first church, a small congregation with a strong interest in the arts and community service—and that is often considered liberal in a markedly conservative county. A little different from theater work, though there are those who think it's all of a piece. Before Gloversville, I lived in Harlem for three years or so, and before that I was in Guatemala, doing human rights work with Witness For Peace. A varied career!" ■ Getting together by the ocean to reconnect and catch up and has become an annual event for a group of '83 women. An October gathering in Spring Lake, NJ, included **Jeanne Gilroy Metzler** (Chester, NJ), **Amy Opolinsky Scheetz** (Richmond, VA), **Maura Martin** (Hartford, CT), **Allison Burroughs** (Boston, MA), **Victoria Seiden Gonin** (Mountain Lakes, NJ), **Terry Epstein** (Denver, CO), and **Ruth Kennedy** (Burlington, VT). ■ **Todd Miller** enjoys the Northern VT Midd chapter book-club group, which gathers monthly in Burlington. ■ A few familiar faces at the Middlebury Homecoming football game against Bates (we won!): **Kerry Callahan** was visiting from Hartford, CT, with his wife and two children; **Al Bucknam** came from Saratoga, where he has lived for six years with his wife and four kids. ■ **Dan** and Jane Brayton '84 **Burchard** and son Tommy "moved into our new house this summer and really love being back in Burlington, close to the lake, the bike path, and my old stomping grounds (not to mention the free baby-sitting at Grandma and Grandpa's just a mile away). There's even a park right out behind our house where Tommy can play. Jane landed a full-time, permanent third-grade teaching position at a school that's about a half a mile away. I'm busy playing hockey on a men's team, fishing, running around outdoors, and doing the lawyer thing." ■ **Joe Kennedy** and wife Jana are pleased to announce the birth of son Joseph Louis Kennedy IV on August 22. Joe recently started a new job with Center for Applied Reproductive Science, a private practice in Johnson City, TN, after medical school at Tufts, a residency in ob/gyn, and a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility. ■ **Dan Higgins** (dphiggins@cigna.e-mail.com) e-mails: "The Higgins Clan—wife Debbie and children Kelly (9), Danny (8), Katie (6), Brian (5), and Erin (3)—all had a blast at our reunion! I am truly concerned, as they all want to go to Middlebury now, which would require me to continue working until I'm 100! The school looked fabulous, and it was great to spend time with old friends. We are looking forward to our next trip up. I have been working for CIGNA HealthCare since graduating from Middlebury. For the last 10 years, we have been living in Milton, MA, where we welcome visitors, but warn that it is not a quiet household!" ■ Words cannot convey our sadness in reporting the sudden death of **Bruce Gevertz** on December 21. Our sympathy is with **Jackie Tobey Gevertz** and sons Willie (6), Justin (4), and Andrew (born August 19) .

Duncan Littlefield '86, Scott Davison '86, and kids (see 1986 column)

1984

REUNION CLASS

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Remember: Our 15th Reunion is May 28-30, 1999. We are going to party just like Prince said, so mark your calendars! ■ Homecoming News Alert from **David Wagstaff**: 72 degrees and sunny in VT. Tying up the boots, **Phil Huffman** and **Jim Robinson** each scored brilliant "up and under" tries during the Alumni Rugby game. **Marc** and Mimi Dalbey '83 **Tabah** came loaded with their four kids for the weekend; Mark scored a great penalty in the top left corner during the Alumni Soccer game. **Wags** got the 4:4 equalizer in injury time. **Elizabeth Hackett Robinson** rushed and is now a brother at Sig Ep. **Mark Ray** led the Northern VT Midd Chapter at a maple syrup harvest party and stayed awake at recent MCAA meetings. In other news, **Alex** "Hector" **Prudhomme**, playing hooky from his job as a NY magazine editor, remembered the old days when he hosted barn parties in Cornwall (CT) and his parents' beds of daffodils bit the dust. ■ Congrats to **Elizabeth Cutler** and Steven Knaub, married on June 7 in the Sierra National Forest: "It rained and we held the ceremony outside—in our Patagonia hiking clothes. All changed into formal attire for the reception and dinner-dance afterwards." ■ **Jason Bacon** reports that the "second annual Thompson Point reunion took place at the Bacon residence and surrounding houses the last week of July. Hosts and guests included Jason, Mathew Bacon '87, **Andrew Zehner**, Sue Whitty '86, **Todd** and Sue Cooper '87 **Hermanson**, Tom Knox '84, **Mark** and Sarah Van Tuyl '85 **Ray, Buck Dominick, Peter Tichansky, Karen Kaminsky, David Torres, Larry Goldstein, Bill Hathaway, John Hamilton, Patrick McCormick, Marty Lanigan, Paul** and Kate Wallace '86 **Perrotta, Tim Simpson, Andy** and Monica Carroll '86 **McCabe**, Andrew Webster '74, and about 34 potential Middlebury students, all currently under the age of seven!" ■ **Peter Kyle** is in his 10th season as a ski and snowboard instructor at Vail/Beaver Creek. He's looking forward to the 1999 World Alpine Ski Championships in February. Last year, he formed a group to develop, build, and open the Dillon Dam Brewery and Restaurant in Dillon, CO, which has been voted "#1 microbrewery/restaurant in Summit County," and "best ladies' night." Peter writes: "Just for fun, I started the Vail Hockey League, with six teams, over 90 players, and six Midd alums playing October to April. Enjoyed running into **Buck Dominick** at the Santana show at Fiddler's in Denver." ■ **Diana Rhudick** reports the birth of son Jacob Ulysses on October 9. His brother, Aidan, is 3 1/2 and his father is Mark Beckley. ■ In Summit, NJ, **Steve Ford** and wife Amanda are happy to announce the arrival of fourth child Cassandra "Cassie" Ellen Ford on May 26. She joins brother Michael and twin sisters Stephanie and Taylor. Steve is a managing partner of Ford Financial. Steve shared news of some of the gang in his area: **Toby Daley** lives in Andover, MA, with wife Alison and their three children. **Jeff Connolly** owns a home in Salem, MA, and works at Bay Networks outside of Boston. **Tom Steinle** is back in Hartford, CT, with wife Ann and their two children. Susan and **Brian O'Sullivan** are the proud parents of first child Brendan Kealey O'Sullivan, born March 1, 1998. ■ **Allison Wheatley Bovard** writes: "We bought a backyard for Charlie—and it came with a house!" Allison, husband Chris, and son Charlie live in Dallas, TX. ■ **David Torres** and wife Kathryn have been in London for almost eight years. They have a daughter, Alice (2 1/2). David (david.torres@chase.com) is a managing director in international fixed income for Chase Manhattan Bank. ■ Chris and **Sarah Beeton Capel** announce the birth of daughter Anna Teague Capel last March. Anna joins sister Elizabeth (7) and brother Blair (5). ■ **Elias Socolof** is expanding his pediatric practice to include the Warrensburg (NY) Health Center. He specializes in allergies, asthma, and newborn care, as well as learning and developmental disabilities. Before embarking on his medical career, Elias lived in Tibet from 1985 to 1987, experiencing the culture and teaching English. He now lives in Queensbury, NY, with wife Roselyn and their daughter (5). ■ **Heidi Mosburg, Jill Goodman Segal**, and **Kristen Gould Case** enjoyed a wonderful mini-reunion weekend last October at Heidi's cabin in Boulder, UT. The deluxe accommodations included no heat, no electricity, and no running water. Aside from a three-hour hike in beautiful red rock country, the three old roommates spent their time happily reminiscing and swapping tall tales. ■ Finally, our deepest sympathies are extended to classmate **Phil Huffman**, who lost his mother and step-father in the tragic Swiss Air crash over Halifax in September 1998. Phil, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

1985

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Now living in Hong Kong, **Jeff** and **Karin Radasch Maddox** report that twins Sam and Lucy (born January 19, 1997) "are keeping us extremely busy." ■ **Laurie Lynn Strasser** is now a staff reporter for the *Rutland Daily Herald*. (See photo with new husband William Fischer, fall issue.) ■ Quick Quiz: What set of twins married within a year of one another, received master's degrees in the same science field, recently added second daughters to their respective families, and are now staying at home full time? Answer below. ■ **Anne DiVecchio Gripenstraw** (a_gripenstraw@hotmail.com) reports that they are now officially a family, having "purchased a minivan and sold the jeep." The unbiased mom also reports that son Jack (born July 15) is "a pretty cute guy, with blue eyes and a full head of brown hair with a big cowlick in front." ■ Congratulations to several newlyweds. **Stephanie Ullrich** and Michael Burke were married on July 25 in Chicago, where Stephanie is an investment banking VP with Resource Financial Corp. Michael is a product manager for Abbott Labs in Waukegan. ■ **Lee Findlay** and Nicholas Potter were married on August 1 at the home of her mother, a garden designer in Charlotte, VT. Lee is the director of David Findlay Jr. Fine Art, her father's gallery in NYC. Nicholas is a counsel at Debevoise & Plimpton, a NYC law firm. ■ Laurie Macaulay Jordan '79 officiated in Mead Chapel for the August 29 marriage of **Jennifer Lynde Karin** and Christopher Sidford. ■ **Peter** and **Liz Thompson Hotvedt** welcomed son Douglas Robbins on April 22, 1998. While Peter works long hours at Central New York Cardiology, Liz is busy with Douglas and Claire (4), as well as serving on several community boards, swim club, figure-skating club—plus she is still skating competitively, singing with the Hamilton College Oratorio Society, and doing some work for the Middlebury Admissions program. ■ Quiz Answer: **Ruth Lohmann Davis** and **Denah Lohmann Toupin**. Ruth and Matt (an assistant prof. of hydrology, Univ. of NH, Durham) were married in '93 and have two daughters, Kelly (2) and Natalie (born March 11). Ruth has her M.S. in hydrology from NM Tech ('92). Ruth relates Denah's extremely similar story. Denah and Paul Toupin (married in '92) also have two daughters—Jessica (2.5) and Rosalie (born July 2). Denah also got her M.S. in hydrology (UNH) and worked in environmental consulting as a hydrologist. ■ Roger and **Kelly Petrison Knowles** have moved to NJ, where Roger is a college prof. and Kelly is a pediatrician. Daughter Abigail is two. ■ In MA, John '82 and **Jennifer Gibson Lewis** welcomed second daughter Olivia last summer. She joins Audrey (3). Jen works at Wellesley Univ. and John is an engineer on the "Big Dig" in Boston. ■ From Stamford, CT, **Amanda Vaughn Walter** writes that she is enjoying the chaos that only a second child can bring. Allison Paige joined sister Lauren Danielle on September 17. Amanda is still a senior product manager for Mott's, although she has cut back to three days a week. ■ In Wakefield, MA, **Alice Vail Johannen** (joevail@ma.ultranet.com) and husband Colin (a civil engineer) have a daughter, Heidi: "She's nearly two now and we are enjoying immensely her silly antics and amazing capacity to learn." Alice is a human resources rep at Lois Paul & Partners, a high-tech PR firm in Burlington, MA. ■ In Swedesboro, NJ, **Janice Palmer Fullmer** has taken a leave of absence from a software company in Philadelphia to spend time with son Ryan Scott (born July 30). ■ Finally, for a true Blast from the Past, the man who rocked us every Sunday night at 9 p.m. chimed in with news from CheeseHead country. **John Davis** and wife Anne welcomed son Ryan Andrew on February 2, 1998. Ryan has apparently already been on television twice, educating new parents about crib safety. John's company, Lakeside Broadcasting, has sold its radio station in VT, and John has also sold his interest in another radio station in WI. But don't despair that John is exiting the business. He's working at Milwaukee's Journal Broadcast Group, part of the oldest employee-owned firm in the U.S. ■ Thanks for all the news.

1986

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Peter Anderson and **Matthew Carroll** got together at Squam Lake in central NH in mid-August for some fishing and sailing. Peter is working as an OTC Derivatives broker in Lausanne, Switzerland. "It's a bit sleepy at times, but work brings me to London regularly and my wife Kerry and I love the skiing." ■ Internist **Bill Leeson** has joined the Kaiser Permanente family practice at the Porter Medical Center complex on South Street in Middlebury. ■ The marriage of **Juliet Lambert** and John Pratt took place in West Barnstable, MA, on May 30. They live in NYC, where John is a VP at Salomon Smith Barney. At homecoming in October, Juliet was on campus to receive an Alumni Achievement Award in recognition of her career as a professional singer and actress. She recently completed a year and a-half in the role of Fantine in *Les Miserables* on Broadway. While on campus she sang theater songs that she has performed over the years, accompanied by Prof. Emeritus Emory Fanning. A former Mischord, she was joined by the current Mischords for a vocal concert later on. ■ An Alumni Achievement Award was also presented to **Krista Conley Lincoln**, president and CEO of Cambridge Translation Resources, Inc. Krista founded CTR in 1992 with a modest capital investment and has been instrumental in the company's growth to a $3 million- a-year enterprise. Her October 24 presentation at the Sunderland Interactive Learning Center was also carried on the Internet and was available from any networked computer on campus. ■ Kathryn Ankers and **Christopher Peters** were married in Madison, MA, on June 20. With his MBA from Columbia Univ. Graduate School of Business, Chris has joined Texas Instruments in Dallas as a senior financial analyst. Kathryn is a senior VP with NationsBank. ■ Kate Goodyear and **Stephen Wadsworth** were married on August 8 at the Marrying Tree in Kelly, WY. Kate is a therapist at a youth center and Stephen is program coordinator for the Beacon School in Oakland, CA. ■ In Atlanta, GA, **Shawn Valerie Burns** (shawnvb@mindspring.com) has been "unable to extricate myself fully from the restaurant business, because I just love it, I guess. My new job (human resources for Waffle House) enables me to combine my seminary training with restaurants, as I am charged with 'creating a sense of community' within my company. It's fun and, as a native Southerner, it's pretty interesting being involved in something that's near the pinnacle of southern pop culture!" ■ John Kremer '85 and **Erika Lederman** welcomed Milo Addams Kremer on July 24; he joins Henry Rockett Kremer (2). They live in Hong Kong where John is with the United Bank of Switzerland and Erika is with *Travel and Leisure*. ■ Wendy and **Glenn Gellert** live in AK with daughter Carlie (8 mos.). Glenn reports the birth of Jack Kelley, son of Nancy and **John Kelley**, last July. The Gellerts were visited by **Bill Leeson** and Heather Karlson '87 in August. ■ **Krista Faxon Atkeson** and husband James announce the August 23 birth of daughter Abigail Lind, who joins Meade (6) and Mary (4). ■ In Hamburg, Germany, **Victor Kommerell** (victor.kommerell@psemail.ps.net) is working for Perot systems, German division. ■ **Mike Hering** and Elizabeth Williams were married in Mead Chapel on September 16. Celebrating with them were **Dave Hewett, Ed Eppler, Kirk Fleischer, Wendy Fisher Beach, John Moyers** (recently moved to DC, still works for the Schumann Foundation), **Hugh Montgomery, Dave Gumbart, Steve Madden** (a librarian in the Ripton and Middlebury school systems), and **Paul Ferrari**. Paul and wife Julie have a son, Maxwell (8 mos.). ■ **Evan Gsell** is now the VP of business affairs for Hollywood Online, a Times Mirror company based in Santa Monica, CA. He had been NBC's director of business affairs, interactive group. ■ **Dan** and Susan Kelliher '84 **Kahan** have two sons, George (6) and Ben (4). Dan is a law prof. at the Univ. of Chicago and a visiting faculty member at both Yale Law School (fall) and Harvard Law School (spring). ■ **Mark Wilcox** and wife Cynthia both work at Fleet Financial Group in Boston. They moved with daughter Hayley from San Francisco last January. ■ In Decatur, GA, **Becky Hart** (rmh8@cdc.gov) is an epidemiologist for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on U.S.-Mexico border environmental-health issues. She also works with folk artists from Costa Rica who recently illustrated a bilingual children's book called *Tortillas and Lullabies/Tortillas y cancioncitas*, by Lynn Reiser. The same artists will have a show in NYC this February. ■ Michael and **Tara Scully Rockefeller** welcomed son Alexander on September 24. He has a big sister, Eliza. ■ In Saugus, MA, **Julie Watts** is a doctoral student in environmental health at Boston Univ. School of Public Health. ■ Moving to Seattle in late 1997, **Peter Hartikka** is singing with the Seattle Men's Chorus. He also manages translation projects at American Cultural Exchange. ■ After five years in TX, Karen and **Mark Nardella** moved back to the Syracuse, NY, area with twins Matt and Colin (3) and daughter Natalie (9 mos.). Mark recently visited **Lans Teal** in Palmer, AK, where Lans is running the musk ox development farm that his father originally started in VT. ■ Jerry and **Susan French Proulx** live in VT with sons Alexander (5) and Walter (born in November 1997). The Caner's Choice, their business for which Jerry does weaving of all sorts and chair restoration and repair, is featured on the VT Public Television series *RFD*. Susan is doing some translating for a Canadian book publisher. ■ **Amy Ffield** and Arnold Gordon are pleased to announce the birth of son Charles Bernard Ffield Gordon on September 3. ■ **Tracy Edwards Murtagh** is in Aspen, CO, working the ski-swap circuit. She recently saw **Ann McCollum** (abmcc64@aol.com), who is teaching in the department of experiential education at Albuquerque Academy in NM. Ann played goalie in the women's tournament of the Vail lacrosse shoot-out for a team from Canada that "got squashed" by the Midd/Denison squad! While visiting Sun Valley, ID, last summer, Ann ran into **Nikki Biddle**. ■ In 1996, **Lawrence Ewing** was named executive director of Dance Through Time, a San Francisco-based professional dance company with which he has been a principal dancer since 1990. Last year the company performed at the Palace at Versailles. He has seen **Heather Frazier** and **Andrew Miller** in San Francisco.

Audrey (Frisk) Ewing '88 and Bret Miller (see 1988 column)

Lisa Papas '87 and Kurt Lidtke (see 1987 column)

■ **Charlie** (cbaker@calcomsec.com) and **Mary Venable Baker** live in San Diego with their children Emma and Wyatt. Charlie is co-owner of a security services business. They would love to hear from folks in the area. ■ **Chris** and **Barbara Barry Coates** are doubly happy to announce the birth of daughter Laura Elizabeth and son Ryan Christopher on September 19. ■ **Steve Reilly**, wife Lucy Wall, and daughter Katie (2) live in Lexington, MA. Both attorneys, Steve is with Sally & Fitch, a 15-lawyer civil-litigation firm in Boston, and Lucy is in the trial division of the MA Attorney General's office. The Reillys occasionally get together with **Todd Smith** and wife Jen Sutton, who live in RI with daughter Maya. ■ Pamela and **Ron Palmeri** announce the arrival of son Tucker on October 12. Ron is the new VP, business development, at Internet startup Oblix in Mt. View, CA. ■ Last October, **Don** and Carol Scarbeau '87 **Guidi** moved from Raleigh-Durham, NC, to Fairfield, CT, with son Michael (2). Don is VP-sales of Caspari, publisher of museum cards and entertaining products for retailers. ■ **Domenic Ciarallo** (who is still playing and coaching hockey) has expanded his premium apparel business to the U.S., specifically in Champlain, NY. He thanks **Frank Muggia** for his help in the transition. After 10 years in Boston, Frank and wife Denise have moved to Orchard Park, NY, with daughter Sydney (5) and son Ben (2). Frank has joined Buffalo law firm Blair and Roach, as chairman of their litigation practice group. His practice is currently National Counsel in the defense of the Fen/Phen litigation. ■ Thanks to all of you who responded to our e-mail request for news. We would like to hear from others, so please e-mail, write, or call!

PHOTO CAPTION Celebrating Cameron Scott Davison's birthday in August was a kid's affair. **Duncan Littlefield** is holding Kirsten Elizabeth (2) and Alden Francis (4 mos.), while **Scott Davison** is holding James Broughton ("Brody") (3 mos.) and the birthday boy (2). Scott and Lorraine recently moved from ME to Sparta, NJ. Scott is now senior VP and chief financial officer at Duncanson Holt in Wayne. Duncan and wife Tracy are fellow Jerseyites; Duncan (duncan@commvault.com) is now working for Commvault in Oceanport.

1987

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Last October, freelance journalist **David Case** headed to Azerbaijan, Turkey, and Armenia for a five-week project researching Caspian oil issues. He was among the first group of seven Pew Fellowship winners selected to go overseas to report on key international news issues. For two months before his departure, he studied international relations and language at the Johns Hopkins Univ. Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in DC. David has spent much of his career in Southeast Asia, working on environmental projects for the World Environment Center in NYC. He began working as a journalist in Bangkok in 1995, covering technology for European trade journals. From 1995 to 1997, he wrote about culture and business for Reuters, living in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. He's now based in San Francisco. ■ **John Glosto** writes: "I am still doing a tour as manager of Kazakhstan for British Airways in Almaty. I've been here for almost a year and a-half now. Things are going well. The London-Heathrow to Almaty route is already profitable, which makes me very proud. I would love to hear from anyone who remembers me. Write to me at johndaniel.1.glosto@british-airways.com." ■ From London, **Anne Heisler Clark** (heislerclark@email.msn.com) e-mails: "Hello from across the pond. I'm at the Chelsea College of Art and Design (interior structural design work) and having a great (challenging) time with plans and elevations. One day I was chatting with a fellow classmate who is Swedish but speaks English with an American accent. She asked where I went to college and I said 'Middlebury College—have you heard of it?' Well, believe it or not, she's a Middlebury grad herself! Small world. Her name is Andrea Maria Agrell '66. ■ **James Scannell** is an assistant prof. of English at Utica College. ■ **Martha Bangs** has been named dean of students at Newton Country Day in Newton, MA. A member of the upper school of math and computer science departments for four years, Martha continues to teach mathematics. ■ **Hilary Farquhar** is the new director of student accounts at Marlboro College in Brattleboro, VT. For the past six years, she has been responsible for the daily operation of the Brattleboro Music Center. ■ In Newark, NJ, **Andrew Meyer** has joined the WBGO Jazz 88.3 FM news department as anchor and reporter. WBGO also cybercasts its broadcast at www.wbgo.org. Andrew has worked in news radio since 1992 as a freelance reporter in the New York metropolitan area. ■ **Jill Madden** commutes between her art studio in Bristol, VT, and Boston, where she is pursuing a master of fine arts degree. A recent article in the *Addison Independent* reports that "her oil paintings take the shape of a visual diary, comprised of about 50 panels depicting consecutive days in her life. They start in the top right corner, reading top to bottom, as the Chinese would read a book." Jill and husband Eben Punderson (Chinese School '87) are Bristol residents. ■ **Rodney Rothstein** recently graduated from anesthesiology residency at the Univ. of TN College of Medicine in Memphis, TN. "I have taken a position practicing anesthesiology back in my home town, Oklahoma City, OK. I love being back home near my family and friends." Rodney would be happy to hear from Middlebury graduates in the Oklahoma City area. ■ Eric Joseph Hubbard arrived on July 22. His parents are Paul and **Gail Harrison Hubbard** and his big brother is Scott (3). They live in Richmond, VA. ■ Matt '86 and **Wendy Gates Fink** welcomed daughter Kristen Haley on March 26. She joins siblings Max (5) and Lauren (3 1/2).

PHOTO CAPTIONS In San Antonio, TX, **Molly Mezzetti** and Christopher Zaldivar were married on March 7. Mark and **Beth Winters Porter** made it to San Antonio for the festivities. ■ **Lisa Papas** and Kurt Lidtke were married on December 19, 1997. Celebrating with them, but not pictured, were **Kristine Rigopulos**, **Bill DiAdamo** and Heather Clark '89, and **Jay Brodmerkel**.

1988

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Melissa Perry Bridgers (melissa.bridgers@middlebury.edu) is back at Midd as the associate director of Annual Giving. "Come by and visit me at Meeker House (former Sig Ep building) when you're on campus!" ■ **Frances Fox Chowdhary** (f_chowdhary@hotmail.com) and husband Ashish have moved back to the U.S. after five years in India with Hughes. Now in Philadelphia, Ashish is an MBA student and Frances is an assistant in the on-campus recruiting office. ■ **Shawn Ryan** is a screenwriter and executive story editor for *Nash Bridges*, the Friday night Don Johnson television show. ■ In Philadelphia, **Leslie Clements Haddow** and husband Craig have a daughter, Emily, who will be one year old on March 18. Leslie is working from home, designing fine jewelry for Craig Drake, Mfg. ■ **Katherine Grubbs** reports a change of address from San Diego, CA, to Montclair, VA, about 20 miles south of DC. ■ Among several Midd alums in the Princeton area, are some '88ers who lived on second floor south of Battell in 1984. **Helena Wooley Cunningham** continues to teach French and run a dorm of senior girls at the Lawrenceville School. She lives with husband Chris, daughter Libby, and 30 senior girls! (Ah, boarding school life!) ■ Former Battell resident **Sandra Peterson More** and husband Bob '89 welcomed son Jacob "Jake" Farrell More to their Skillman, NJ, home on September 24. Sandra is on maternity leave from Bloomberg Financial Markets, where she's a senior editor for Bloomberg Magazine. ■ **Marc** and **Sheila D'Arcy Boyle** (of Weston, MA) were sad to miss reunion last May, but their lives were full of diapers, too,

since the arrival of son Jackson Thomas on April 3. Marc is still working for Boyle Transportation. They often see Lyle '86 and **Sarah Thompson Fulkerson** and daughter Greta (2 1/2), since they live in nearby Newton. ■ **Christina Carter Mann** also sent regrets about missing reunion due to the arrival of son William Carter Mann on May 28. Still living in NYC, Christina is taking time off as a landscape designer to be home with Will. ■ Annie and **Ian Williams** welcomed second child Peter Middleton into the world on October 28. Last summer, they moved to Wilmington, DE, where Ian started work as VP, marketing, at First USA Bank. "We are enjoying the 'home of tax-free shopping' immensely." ■ Hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. Please drop a line or e-mail and keep us posted on all your latest news.

PHOTO CAPTION In Minocqua, WI, Midd friends celebrating with **Audrey (Frisk) Ewing** and Bret Miller following their August 1 marriage included **Laura Ludwig, Kim Maynard Martin, Melissa Ellsworth Jones**, Brad Ewing '83, (standing) **Paul Martin, Michelle Millin**, Henry '80 and Julie Ewing Pitney '80, Lawrence Ewing '86, the newlyweds, **Jim Calise**, and Kevin Bittenbender '90.

1989

10TH REUNION CLASS

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Nathalie Kurylko is managing editor at *Ski Magazine* in CO. She also works in graphic design and multimedia at CU Boulder. A six-year resident of CO, she "skis and rides an average of 50 days per winter." The things she misses most about the East are family, friends, and the ocean. ■ **Gary Nicholson** has finished his ob/gyn residency in Rochester, NY. In July, he joined a private practice in Syracuse, where he lives with wife Amy Cheydleur Nicholson '90 and children Shannon (9), Kelly (6), Mackenzie (2 1/2), and Christopher (9 mos.). ■ With a master's in political science from Columbia Univ., **Vello Pettai** has been a prof. of political science at Tartu Univ. in Estonia for several years. He has also been interested in ethnic minorities and their problems in that area. His September 1997 election as a representative at the Presidential Roundtable of National Minorities has encouraged him to stay in Estonia, working to promote stability, dialogue, and mutual understanding between different population groups. ■ **Laura Zink Torresan** and husband Mike both work at the USGS in Menlo Park, CA. She writes: Laura has been there since 1990, and she is now designing Web pages. She's the Web site manager of their San Francisco Bay server: http://sfbay.wr.usgs.gov. ■ The marriage of **Lee Rose** and Josiah Emery took place on September 12 in Prouts Neck, ME. Lee is an actress based in L.A. and a television scriptwriter. She has also appeared in regional theater in New England. She has a master's in theater from the Trinity Repertory Conservatory in Providence, RI. Josiah is a documentary filmmaker in L.A. ■ **Devon Daney** is attending Albany (NY) Medical College. ■ **Joey Elias** is dean of students at Vermont Academy in Saxtons River. He is also coaching varsity women's soccer and men's hockey, as well as teaching math. "It was great to visit the campus for Kerri Heinecken's ('93) wedding and for playing a little golf. The new rink is impressive." ■ From South Hamilton, MA, **Stephanie Galbreath Baumeister** (sbaumeis@bidmc.harvard.edu) sends an update. She's still at Beth Israel, while husband Dean '90 is working at the Saugus Public Library. Son Eric is 2 1/2. ■ **Elizabeth Warthin** (ewarthin@zoo.uvm.edu) has been accepted into the Master of Public Administration program at UVM for the spring term. "Hope to complete course work sometime in the next few years! Still living in Burlington, working very part time while I go to school. Hoping to make it to Middlebury for our 10th Reunion!" ■ **TR Lazo** is alive and well, living in DC, where he is a lawyer for the SEC. ■ In Greenwich, CT, Brooke and **Ryder Stahl** welcomed Ryder Clark Stahl into the world last fall. Ryder, Sr., is an institutional equity broker for BT Alex Brown in Manhattan. ■ **Sean Brennan** (M.A. English '95) and Wendy Helm Brennan (M.A. English '95) welcomed Katherine "Katy" Morris Brennan to their family on September 14. She joins sister Molly and dogs Taylor and Jasper in Lakeville, CT, where Wendy teaches English and coaches varsity women's lacrosse. Sean is teaching English down the road at Salisbury School, where he is also head coach of the varsity football team. ■ Angela and **Scott Derby** (scderby@bechtel.com) have a new son, Timothy Scott Derby, in London, England. Despite the collapse of the Russian markets, we hear that Tim and the family are getting plenty of sleep. ■ Ellen and **Ben Patch** (ben_patch@aigtc.com) moved back to the States last June and are settling in New Canaan, CT. "We miss the vibrant alumni association in London and send good luck for the touch football game in Hyde park this year (vs. Hamilton?)! And as soon as we can get a good baby-sitting network going for Benjamin (3) and Emily (1.5), we'll try to get involved here, especially with the '89 10th Reunion in May."

1990

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Douglas Toole has spent five years in Baku, Azerbaijan, in the oil industry, most recently as an investor in a wireless cable start-up venture in Azerbaijan and Armenia. Now he's returning to get an MBA at Columbia. In NYC, he saw the recently-married **Matt Pakos**, who has moved to Japan, and Steve Long, who works in research and acquisitions at the Tenement Museum. ■ After five years of practicing law in PA and VT, **Jeffrey Erlbaum** (jerlbaum@home.com) has decided on a new career: "In November I opened a travel agency in Bryn Mawr, PA. A franchise of Carlson Wagonlit Travel, the agency will specialize in European travel. I plan to draw on my traveling experiences in England, while a February freshman, and in France, participating in the Middlebury program in Paris." ■ **Evan Berlin** has joined the Sarasota, FL, law firm of Walters Levine Brown Klingensmith Milonas & Thomiso, P.A., as an associate in the real estate department. ■ Dr. **Jennifer Mosmen** is specializing in obstetrics and gynecology at St. Peter's Delmar Women's Health Center in upstate NY. ■ **Pamela Rosser** announces the opening of Pamela Rosser PR, a new full-service, "Philadelphia style" public and community relations business. Pamela has eight years of experience at various agencies in addition to her "boundless enthusiasm" for Philadelphia. ■ **Annie Janeway** (ajaneway@groton.org) took a biking and wine tasting tour in September in the Sonoma and Napa Valleys. While out in CA, she had an opportunity to visit and stay with **Lyssandra Barbieri Williams** and husband Jason. Upon returning from her biking adventure, Annie relocated to Groton, MA, where she is working as an assistant director of alumni/ae affairs and development at the Groton School. She also got to catch up with Midd friends at **Suzan Parker Twombly**'s October wedding in Marblehead. ■ Surpassing her goal and finishing October's Dublin Marathon at 4:05, **Elizabeth Toder** (eatoder@hotmail.com) writes that she's going to market her marathon regimen as "Toder's Tricks to Fine Marathon Form." While in Ireland, she also got together with Bud '91 and Lucy Randolph Liddell '91 and Brian Good '92. Bud and Brian are in medical school in Dublin. Elizabeth flew to Glasgow in late October for a holiday with "a marvelous British couple I met three summers ago in Hanoi." Elizabeth is now in the MBA program at NYU's Stern School. She reports that **Deb Tobey** left NYC and moved to Santa Fe, NM, to work for Big Brothers, Big Sisters; **Nonie Dorschel** moved to Laos to set up a micro-credit program for PACT; and **Tizz Strachan** was married in Sun Valley, ID, last summer. ■ **Ben Monachino** (bam@p-a.com) recently joined the business law dept. of Peabody and Arnold LLP in Boston. **Sarah Menzel** visited Ben when she was traveling to ME for a vacation from teaching in Sumter, SC. In August **Rob Hansen** took a break from his duties with Deloitte & Touche's management consulting practice to go to a Van Halen concert with Ben. Rob (hanszahne@worldnet.att.net) has moved from NJ to Boston. ■ **Lisa Makuku** recently saw **Paul English**, when he was in Cambridge, MA, for an Internet conference. Paul is still working in Belgium these days. ■ **Victoria Vitrano** (M.A. Italian '91) and Kendall Hamilton were married on September 26 in New Marlborough, MA. In NYC, she's an associate at law firm Werbel & Carnelutti, while he's a general editor at *Newsweek* magazine. ■ David and **Kim Bertolino Degrange** (kdegrange@asbg.com) are living in Canton, CT, with daughter Katherine, born in May 1997. Kim is a systems coordinator in the pro-

Molly Mezzetti '87 and Christopher Zaldivar (see 1987 column)

Kim Bechard and Doug Ginevan '92 (see 1992 column)

Mara Gorman '92 and Matthew Kinservik (see 1992 column)

Evening in Paris (see 1990 column)

ductivity and systems engineering dept. at Associated Spring Headquarters in Farmington, CT. ■ Caroline Louisa Daigle arrived July 25. Her parents, **Chris** and **Martha Benz Daigle**, will be in Rochester, NY, for a few more years, while Chris finishes his residency and completes a fellowship in pulmonary/critical care. ■ **Paul** and **Katie Edwards Needham** welcomed daughter Emma on September 7. "She was a robust 10 lbs., 3 oz., and is keeping mom and dad very busy!"

PHOTO CAPTION Getting together in Paris last August were **Paola Venturini** and Ivar Henningson '89. Paola lives in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she is a business development manager for the Park Hyatt. She would love to hear from classmates (pventurini@parkhyatt.com.ar).

1991

Class Secretaries: *Bill Driscoll (wndrisc@aol.com), 6105 Lenox Park Cir., Atlanta, GA 30319; and Kate J. Kelley (advgrco@rkymthi.com), P.O. Box 268, Grand Lake, CO 80447.*

Margie "Disco" Tyndall is in her third year of a doctoral program for clinical psychology in Chicago. She reports that **Judy Levenson** recently graduated from Boston Univ. Law School, is living in NYC, working for Showtime Networks and the Sundance Channel. She also informs us that **Chris "Dozer" Munion** is practicing law in Philadelphia and Melissa Menta works for a Japanese cosmetics company, also in NYC. ■ **David** and **Joanie Dalbey Donahue** and daughter Emma celebrated July 4 at the house they recently bought in Cornwall, along with **Peter Benedict, Brad McKee, Bob** and **Meghan Schwartz Hinkle, Bill Fuhs, Bill Heslam, Andy** and Kim Griffith '93 **Hyland, Bart Johnson, Jeff Smith, Marc Parsons, Tom Humphreys, Skip Wiemeyer**, Doug Ginevan '92, and Julie Powers. ■ After getting a master's in education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, **Vanessa Trien** (vtrien@hotmail.com) pursued her music career, along with working as an arts consultant, organizing arts festivals for Harvard Univ. and the Cambridge Arts Council. This August she completed her debut CD, an 11-track recording of original acoustic songs, performed with band! "It all started at the Gamut Room!" To learn more about the CD, contact Vanessa by e-mail or visit www.cdfreedom.com. ■ While on leave from the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in Burlington, VT, **David O'Hara** is pursuing his M.A. at St. John's College in Santa Fe, NM, while Christina Swenson O'Hara is working at the Santa Fe Montessori School attended by children Anastasia (5) and Michael (3). ■ **Kristin Holsman-Francoeur** is finishing a master's in substance abuse counseling. She and husband Paul live in Brandon, VT. ■ **Dawn Blalock** (deb44@columbia.edu) has returned from South Africa where she had been working as a reporter for the last year and a-half. After going to Bread Loaf over the summer, she is studying international affairs and African studies at Columbia Univ. ■ **Todd Lowell** was sworn in on July 6 as the newest assistant district attorney for the counties of Sagadahoc, Lincoln, Knox, and Waldo in ME. Todd is a resident of Bath. With a law degree from the Univ. of ME (1994), he has worked for the last three years in a prominent Bangor law firm. ■ Sportsman **Rico Kellogg** is a Kinsley and Co./Orvis Outfitters guide whose art work has been displayed all across the U.S. and in Canada. But he is also an artist, working out of his basement studio in North Boulder, CO. He often uses a fishing fly as the basis of his art, calling his business the Baetis Press, after the genus of the mayfly, commonly used as the model for fishing flies. Rico produces shadow boxes and etchings that revolve around a variety of flies and the fish they attract. He hand ties flies and etches artistic details onto copper plates. He also does landscapes and specializes in miniatures, sometimes as small as one inch square. His art is displayed at the Boulder Arts & Crafts Cooperative and at weekend art shows. His art and personal narratives are also found on calendars produced by Avalanche Publishing of Carson, CA. ■ **Jennifer Miller** and Thomas French were married at St. Mary's in Middlebury on July 25. With a master's in education from the Bank Street College of Education, Jenny teaches first grade at the Authors Workshop School, an alternative public school in the Bronx. Her husband is an associate at NYC law firm Willkie, Farr & Gallagher. ■ The September 26 marriage of **Dana MacGrath** and Anthony Candido took place at the Brick Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. With her law degree from NYU, Dana is an associate in the NYC office of L.A. law firm O'Melveny & Myers. Anthony is an associate at Sullivan & Cromwell.

1992

Class Secretary: *Justin Ayers (justin.ayers@fmr.com), 660 Main St., #4, Melrose, MA 02176.*

Amy Gannett Morse (amy_morse@invesco.bos.com) is an analyst at INVESCO, where she has worked since graduation. She and husband David bought a house this year, "and are happily settled in with our dogs, Scrappy and Chester." ■ **Donald Hunt** (dhunt@cwt.com) is an associate in Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft's DC office, having graduated magna cum laude from Catholic Univ. Law last spring. He and wife NancyAnn Zagami Hunt '93 live in Old Town Alexandria, VA. He reports that **Dave Dougherty** is living in DC and learning to "Salsa" while working as a medical researcher. He also informs us that **Rick Faubert**, who is working in the front office for the New England Revolution MLS Soccer Team, has a real shot at playing sweeper for the club next year. ■ After leaving Capitol Hill in May 1996, **Charlie Buck** (CRBuck@Stanford.edu) spent two years traveling around the world, capped off by another winter of skiing in Jackson Hole. Charlie and **Bryn Neubert** (bryn_neubert@hotmail.com) are living on the Stanford campus, where Charlie has started law school. Bryn left her job with a DC defense contractor and is looking for work. They look forward to seeing anyone who might be passing through Palo Alto. ■ **Hilary Rose Annino** has been named major gifts officer at Bryant College in Smithfield, RI. ■ **Tanna Schwarz** has moved from Madison to Minneapolis to attend law school at the Univ. of MN-Twin Cities. "It kind of feels like coming home, since **Becky Nason** and I lived here after graduating from Midd, but most of my friends are gone. Drop a line if you come through." ■ **Brian Fenlon**, defensive backs coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, attributes the large number of ex-Panthers working in football to Mickey Heinecken's coaching intern program. Each season, Mickey takes two or three recent graduates and puts them on the staff, where they are treated like full-time coaches. Brian reports that the interns have a good experience and want to bring some of the features of the Middlebury program to other schools. ■ **Christina Seale** has been appointed to BancBoston Capital's European venture-capital team, based in London. Fluent in both French and German, Christina holds an MBA in finance and management of organizations from Columbia Univ. Business School. ■ **Carol Wittschieben** (characz@upper-merion.k12.pa.us) and Robert Haracz (Drexel '94) were married on May 9 in New Hyde Park, NY (Long Island), with a reception at the Beekman Tower in Manhattan. Heather Morris '91 was maid of honor and **Virginia Allen Rosow** was matron of honor. Carol writes: "I am teaching chemistry at Upper Merion Area School district. Bob and I bought a house in Wayne, PA—right on Valley Forge Park. Stop by if you are passing through the area." ■ **Michael Scanlon** (michael_scanlon@ao.uscourts.gov) and Devon Hyde (Univ. of NC, Chapel Hill '91) were married in DC on August 22.

PHOTO CAPTIONS Gathering in Bar Harbor, ME, on September 12 for the

marriage of Kim Bechard and **Doug Ginevan** (seated in front) were Jim Ross '51, Ann McGinley Ross '53, John Emerson, Amy Emerson, George Whitney, Barbara Whitney, David Ginevan, Anne Ginevan, Julie Power Ruppert '92, Bill Fuhs '91, Mike Bolger '91, and Bill Heslam '91. ■ The June 6 marriage of **Mara Gorman** and Matthew Kinservik took place in Waitsfield, VT. Celebrating with them were Karmali Bhanji '91, Ann Hanson (dean of students), the bride, Kathy Follert Ebner '87, (back) Frank Kelley (former director of residential life), **Hieu Nguyen**, the bridegroom, and **James Christian**. Mara (gorman@kidshealth.org) is managing editor of a Web site, KidsHealth.org, a magazine for kids and parents about children's health issues, affiliated with the A.I. Dupont Children's Hospital in Wilmington, DE. Matthew is an assistant prof. of English at the Univ. of DE.

1993

Class Secretaries: *Anne C. Harris (anne_harris@gse.harvard.edu), 199 Mt. Auburn St., #2, Cambridge, MA 02138; and Dan Suratt (daniel.suratt@nbc.com), 111 Hicks St., #2B, Brooklyn, NY 11201.*

From just outside Prague, **Tony Claudino** continues work towards the creation of a study abroad program in the Czech Republic. ■ **Tiegen Fryberger** stays busy in Duluth, MN, with remodeling his new house and with his business, Black Dog Coffee. ■ **Boze Casten** is trying to solve Boston's mass-transportation fuel-use dilemma. He works at AD Little and lives with his dog, Steve. ■ **Tim Curry**, who is in the Univ. of Buffalo's MD/Ph.D. program, recently presented a study in Stockholm. ■ **Tripp Hock** is captaining an 80-foot catamaran in the British Virgin Islands for another year. ■ **Bob Danielewicz** earned his black belt in Tai Kwon-Do this summer. He continues slinging drinks at Denver's Chophouse Restaurant & Brewery. ■ **Ross O'Hanley** has begun his second year of business school and golf at AZ State Univ. ■ **Greg Fisher** works for the Denver Water Board. ■ **Matthew Clark**, who has formed a band in Burlington, VT, hoped to tour New England this fall. ■ **Tim Scovin** (tscovin@worldnet.att.net) has toured the world with the Army Rangers. Great photos were seen recently of Tim teaching an African village to "raise the roof." He has been in the Army for five years and is stationed at 5th Special Forces Group at Ft. Campbell, KY, where he is a Special Forces medic. "My team's area of operations is the Middle East. I live about 50 miles from Nashville, TN, and would welcome any contact from Midd alums in the area." ■ **M. Taylor Fravel** (taylor.fravel@stanford.edu) has moved from San Francisco to Stanford, where he is a junior fellow with the Asia Pacific Research Center at Stanford Univ. ■ **Deborah Simard Munson** was recently hired by VT Technical College as a staff assistant in the education department at IBM. ■ **Schaunel Steinnagel** is a program coordinator at Meeting Ground, a community for homeless people in northeastern MD. ■ In Milton, MA, **Cecilie Zwick** is teaching grade three French immersion at Cunningham School. ■ Current Boston area inhabitants include **Becky Drees, Tanya Rettkowski, Annie Harris, Dave Seibel**, and **Geoff** and Sarah Chick '92 **Kuli**. Amazingly, four Midd people turned up in a single eight-student section of a Harvard course in experiential education recently: **Annie Harris**, Laurie O'Donnell '97, Dana Maisel '94, and Kelly Watson '92. ■ **Kristen Ketterer** has moved to NYC to try acting in the big city. ■ **Sarah Fryberger** is teaching middle school French in Duluth, MN. ■ **Sarah Stokes** finished at the Harvard Kennedy School of Public Policy and has moved back to Denver. ■ Living in the Chicago area, **Holly Hodson** is entering her second year at Kellogg. ■ After working for the Salzburg Seminar for five years, **Trent Bonsall** (tbonsall@csi.com) left and went to France and Scotland to lead bicycle tours for Vermont Bicycling Tours. In October he moved to Grenoble with a friend to enjoy the winter in the south of France. ■ **Frank Sebree has** joined the law firm of Shook, Hardy, & Bacon as an associate in the corporate finance and banking division, real estate section. ■ After graduating from Cornell Law School and passing the OH, NY, and DC bar exams, **Dana Pawlicki** finished an MBA in finance and accounting at OH State, while working as a mergers and acquisitions financial modeler for American Electric Power. After graduation from business school, he started a job as a hedge fund attorney in the corporate/securities group of NYC law firm Seward & Kissel. ■ **Mike Matheson** is happy to announce the birth of daughter Eleanor Grace on August 12. ■ Robert and **Melissa Farrell Griswold** are proud to announce the birth of first child Hannah Jane on August 15. ■ The summer of weddings got underway on July 11 with the marriage of **Steve Poftak** and Kathleen Flinton. They live in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, where Steve (spoftak@hotmail.com) is director of corporate finance for the Saedinenie Corp. ■ On July 18, **Lance Marx** and Jenifer Karpan (Univ. of CO) were married in Aspen. After enjoying their honeymoon in Italy on the Amalfi Coast in September, Lance (lmarx@hanifen.com) moved into the research department at Hanifen Imhoff in Denver. ■ **Karthik Achar**, who got his MBA from Columbia, was married on July 18 to Stephanie Giron, a freelance graphic designer for French magazines. After a Paris wedding, they are living in NYC, where Karthik is a corporate finance associate at Citicorp. ■ **Gail Carvell** and Nicholas Johnson were married on July 25 and are now living in Darlington, England, where they are artists. **Miyeko Tani** was a bridesmaid. ■ The August 22 marriage of Cameron Blanchard and **Daniel Suratt** took place in Manchester, VT, with the Rev. Charlie Scott officiating. Both work for NBC, where Cameron is manager of media relations at MSNBC and Con is an associate producer for NBC's Olympic unit. ■ Brooke McDonald '95 and **Rick Merriam** (rmerriam@mlsnet.com) rounded out the summer with a bash at the Bourne Farm in Falmouth, MA, on September 19. Rick and Brooke will honeymoon in Belize in February of '99. Brooke directs the metro-Denver SHOUT (Stay Healthy Oppose Using Tobacco) Program in an effort to curb teenage tobacco use. Rick works in corporate marketing and sales for Major League Soccer's Colorado Rapids.

PHOTO CAPTIONS Following the April 11 marriage of **Patricia Falkenberg** and **Harrison Zanuck**, the celebration included **Mike Kelly, Jamey Brenner, John Linder**, Matthew Schmelzer (Midd Madrid '92), Michael Lauterbach '96, (standing) **Sarah Swanz**, Carine Falkenberg '95, the newlyweds, **Jenn Randolph, Kerry Byron**, and **Soula Thanopoulos**. ■ The June 27 marriage of **Lisa Baker** and Tarim Chung (M.A. English '98) brought together Lynelle Preston '91, **Suzanne Pinto**, Ellis Baker '55 (father of the bride), Adam Baker '84 (brother of the bride), Chris Chandler-Baker '84 (sister-in-law of the bride), **Katie Bailey French, Catherine Elton, Heidi Zecher**, Nancy Lord '94, the newlyweds, **Sarah Richardson**, Dick Cameron '94, **Serena Maurer, Heather Clay**, Chris '90 and Holly Beatty Bernene '90, Kate Chapman '94, **Allison Gray**, Jon Sherman '94, and Carrie Baker (sister of the bride). ■ Cutting the wedding cake on May 25, 1997, in Hilton Head Island, SC, were newlyweds Stanton and **Leilani McClellan Brown**. In NYC, Leilani is a divisional marketing manager at American International Group, while Stanton is a management consultant with Andersen Consulting. ■ The Devil's Thumb Ranch in Tabernah, CO, was the scene of the August 8 marriage of **Kirsten Shonstrom** and Tucker Hollander '91. The Midd crowd included Tim Hollander, Sr. '65, Chris Hollander '90, Bill Hoyt '91, Missy Meyers '96, **Lance Marx**, Leland Hart '91, the newlyweds, Lovisa Johnsson '90, Susan Apple '65, **Kerri Heinecken Milne**, Rachel Apple '99, Rob Apple '70, Mo Tooker '91, (back row) Josh Sarkis '91, Barney Hodges '91, Al Smith '91, Waj Nasser '89, Etienne Oliff '91,

Leilani McClellan '93 and Stanton Brown (see 1993 column)

Patricia Falkenberg '93 and Harrison Zanuck '93 (see 1993 column)

Lisa Baker '93 and Tarim Chung (M.A. Eng. '98) (see 1993 column)

Kirsten Shonstrom '93 and Tucker Hollander '91 (see 1993 column)

Kristin Currier '94 and Michael Benjamin '92 (see 1994 column)

Mary Strife '94 and George Edward Cairns II (see 1994 column)

Jerry Ward '91, Greg Fisher '94, Dan O'Neil '91, **Bob Danielewicz**, Matt Bonner '91, **Heather Rider**, **Rick Merriam**, Brooke McDonald '95, Lisa Hollander Rickenbaugh '89, and Mickey Heinecken (football coach).

1994

MIDDLEBURY

REUNION CLASS

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Nancy Hastings and Willy Fox are living in Squantum, right in Boston Harbor. ■ Living in NYC, **Laura Cowperthwait** is a research associate at Fred Alger Management. She reports that Vanessa Christenberry '95 was teaching French to high school sophomores in Switzerland fall semester. ■ At Univ. of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, **Elizabeth Wehle** is program coordinator for the office of continuing professional education. ■ **Kelly Kryc** (kkryc@bu.edu) is a Ph.D. student in the earth science dept. at Boston Univ. ■ **Sara-Ruth Allen** finished law school in the Grand Cayman Islands and was working with her father and planning to take the NY bar in February. ■ **Zhengyuan Lu** (zhengyuan.lu@ppmamerica.com) is enjoying married life with Nina Zhou. They live in Westchester and commute to NYC. ■ **Lori Frolich** skated in a fund-raising rollerblading marathon for MS, and finished in under two hours. ■ **Chris Kemple** is working for the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea. ■ In Louisville, KY, Kevin and **Amy Spears Lavin** welcomed daughter Eleanor Fetter Lavin on July 10. ■ **Sarah Johnson, Jennifer St. Clair, Megan Martin Maguire, Stacy Metcalf**, and **Matt Waddell** recently ran the San Francisco marathon. ■ After surfing in Tahiti last summer, **Terese Tatum** (tatum@haas.berkeley.edu) entered the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley, along with Rodrigo Prudencio '91 and Topher Smith '93. ■ **Gene Swift** (geneswift@worldnet.att.net) has moved back to Hollywood from Santa Monica, because he missed the police helicopters. His script *Vinland* (the second of two written while still at Middlebury) was recently optioned by an independent producer. Gene is now working as actor Nicolas Cage's personal script reader. ■ **Meghan Barstow** (meghan@wolfenet.com) is living in Seattle. ■ **Carolyn Clutz** (caroline@xmission.com) lives in Park City, UT, where she recently had a reunion with **Amy Copley, Lissa Gipson, Hollis Rudiger**, and **Heather Anderson**. ■ **Michael Cohen** (mjcohen@email.msn.com) completed Cardozo Law School in NYC in June, took the NY/NJ Bars, and moved to Miami, where he's working for an export company specializing in the public security and military affairs of Latin America and the Caribbean. ■ **Jenifer Foss** (jenifer@excitecorp.com) and John Smyth were married October 10 on San Francisco's Treasure Island. Midd bridesmaids were **Jennifer St. Clair, Sarah Johnson, Megan Martin Maguire, Stacy Metcalf, Ashley Essex Thayer**, and **Victoria Wilde**. Also attending were **Amy Spears Lavin, Amanda Angle, Heather Anderson, Terese Tatum, Matt Waddell, Jeff David**, Robert Fogelman '95, Jack Thayer '93, Kingman Gordon '93, and Jennifer Davis Dunne '85. ■ **Ben Curtis** (bwcurtis@midway.uchicago.edu) invites friends to visit him in Munich, where he's doing doctoral dissertation research. Ben visited Christina Jaeger (christina.jaeger@bbc.co.uk) in London. ■ **Brendan Collins** (brendan.collins@mcmail.vanderbilt.edu), in fourth year of medical school at Vanderbilt, was recently named AOA and is applying for a residency in general surgery. ■ **Greg Boosin** (boosin_gregory@jpmorgan.com) recently visited **Josh Kucker** (jkucker@aol.com) in Philadelphia, where Josh is in his second year of medical school. Josh recently bumped into **Dan Greenwood**, who's back from Japan. Greg and **Matt Nadel** are both working for JP Morgan in Manhattan. Greg also hears from **Casey Kline**, who works for JP Morgan's Mexico City office. ■ **Steve Reale**, who works for BancBoston Robertson Stephens, is (according to Greg) frequently in the company of a female member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team. ■ In San Francisco, **Mandy Levenberg** (mandylevenberg@hotmail.com), still a marketing guru for CitySearch.com, is doing a two-month project in Chicago for Classified Ventures. ■ **Sarah Johnson** (sarahj@thirdage.com) left Williams-Sonoma to become the marketing and communications manager at Third Age Media, a startup targeting the Baby Boomer market. ■ **Chris Butler** (chris.butler@mba.wfu.edu) completes his MBA at Wake Forest Univ. in May 1999. ■ **Dave Levesque** (levesque@halloran-sage.com) graduated from Western New England Law School in Springfield last year, passed the bar, and is now practicing law in Hartford, CT, with Halloran & Sage LLP. ■ **Luke Schaeffer** is starting business school at Harvard. He'll be joined by **Ed Soh**. ■ **Dave Sequeira**, who moved back to the East Coast with his firm, is applying to business school. ■ **Angie Zhong** (angiezhong@yahoo. com) graduated from Harvard Business School with an

MBA in December. Her Web-based gift-sending company, ImissU.com (www.imissu.com), enables people to send gifts to friends in China. (See story in fall 1998 Midd Mag.) ■ Sleep is at a premium for **Karl Pelletier** (karlpell @aol.com), whose infant twins dictate his schedule. ■ Now living in Arlington, VA, **Johanna Chapin** (johanna@westlake.com) and Steve Heckler got married on August 1 in Boston. Steve is VP of WestLake Solutions, a DC Internet training and consulting firm. Midd folks at the wedding: **Jen Waaler, Rob Schlesinger, Heather Driscoll, Dana Palmer, Brian Schaefer**, Lindsey Holmes '95, Gini Baker '95, Fritz Burkhardt '95, April Bolton '96, Bryan Clenahan '93, Beth Chapin '62, and Judy Grohe '62. ■ **Kennan Radebaugh** (kjrade@iquest.net), who teaches high school biology at Francis Parker in Chicago, would love to hear from folks. ■ **Gardner Humphreys** (gardnerh@americaspromise.org) has done projects with General Colin Powell and works to support and recruit Communities of Promise in a dozen states. ■ In Bozeman, MT, **Bo Wilmer** (wilmer @montana.edu) is doing a master's in biology at MT State Univ., comparing wildfire and clearcutting in the Yellowstone ecosystem. ■ A number of Midd alums in the Seoul, Korea, area attended the December 5 marriage of **Chris Kemple** (chris_kemple@amchamkorea.org) and Ms. Jeon Jinmi of Inchon. ■ Living in MA, **Alan Ritchie** and **Julie Jennings** can be reached at alanandjulie@worldnet.att.net. ■ In Boston, **Patty Russell** is working for the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. ■ **Bryan Wockley** left his position with the Salzburg Seminar in Austria (being replaced by Elizabeth Bibby '95) to join his wife and the administration of OH Univ. in Athens, OH. ■ In NYC, **Scott Janes** (sbjbound @email.msn.com) plans to produce his first screenplay and wonders if anybody out there knows how to direct a film. ■ With her master's in oceanography from URI, **Kelly Kryc** (kkryc@bu.edu) has started a Ph.D. program in earth sciences at Boston Univ. ■ After working for American International Health Alliance for two years in DC, **Meg Regan** (margaret@glas.apc.org) has become the administrative and financial officer for AIHA's Moscow office. ■ You can now reach **Kristin Coviello Lounsbury** at knl6@cornell.edu. ■ **Alison Bevin** (alison.bevin@colorado.edu) is finishing her master's in Latin literature in May '99 at the Univ. of CO, Boulder, where she also teaches Latin courses. ■ **Susanna Woodbury** is working on the three-volume *International Encyclopedia of Women & Sport* at Berkshire Reference Works. ■ **Naomi Moskowitz** and **Booth Hodde** were married last June on a ranch in WY. They celebrated with **Kadie Falso Leonard**, **Porter Fox**, and **Chris Wilcox**. ■ Kate Ruben and **Erik Roth** were married on August 8 at Hildene, an historic house in Manchester, VT. Erik (eroth898@aol.com) is a market development associate at General Motors' Onstar div., which makes satellite communication and navigation devices for cars. ■ **Alyssa Sveden** and Neil Sinclair '93 were married in Mead chapel on August 22. ■ **Tara Thomas** and Greg Hanscom '95 were married on September 19, 1998. Both are in the environmental studies program at the Univ. of MT.

PHOTO CAPTIONS Twenty-one Midd friends were on hand for the August 29 marriage of **Kristin Currier** and Michael Benjamin '92 in Mead Chapel: Marlena Faxon '92, **Melissa Green**, the newlyweds, Scott Harper '92, Dave Rickard '92, (standing) Dave Freeland '92, Sarah Matchett Hunn '93, Michael Hunn '94, J.J. Gilmartin '92, Justin Ayers '92, Ted Kyle '92, Michelle Weagle '94, Sarah Teele '94, Caryn Sheftel '95, (back) Steve Cox '92, Fred Lawrence '92, **Joel Thompson, Matt Evans, Matt Bingham**, and **Ethan McKittrick**. ■ Gathering in Alresford, Hampshire, England, for the October 10 marriage of **Alex Mackintosh** and **Peter Aspbury** were **Hylah Wells, Katherine Behrens, Ben Barrett, Pixie Spencer**, the newlyweds, **Kim Healey, Christiaan Wernink, Sid Williamson**, (standing, first row) David Hanlon '92, **Trista Voss, Christina Jaeger Tyson, Eric Bachman, Mike Hainen, Monte Burke, Matt Whitcomb**, Mara Fischbacher '95, Kyna Mackey '93, Bart de Vries '93, Mike Ricciardelli '95, (standing, second row) **Josh Cobb, Brady Blagden**, Schuyler Coppedge '95, **Matt Nadel, Chris Ziebarth**, Jim Stahl '95, **Dana Gibson**, Justin Harrison '95, **Rammy Harwood, Hann Livingston**, Brian Smith '95, (back) **Kebby Ball, Sara Scirica, Hester Smith**, and Heidi Zecher '93. Peter and Alex have moved to Ithaca, NY, where Peter (pga3@ cornell.edu) is doing his MBA at Cornell and Alex is planning to do freelancing for some publishing firms. ■ The marriage of **Mary Strife** and George Edward Cairns II took place on August 15 in Stow, MA, bringing together Alexa Evans Schnauck '93, **Jesse Smith**, Stacy Hale Smith '93, **Mary Robertson**, the newlyweds, **Kate Briscoe, Steve Pettibone**, Andress Beck '98, Jennifer Tremblay '93, and **Boo Cebrian**. ■ Last October, **Simon T.G. Lim** (right) organized and hosted a Middlebury dinner in Kuala Lumpur, including (from left) Felicia Chew Huat Neo (mother of Eugene Lee '94), Nanette Leong, Hai Chooi Lee (father of Eugene Lee '94), Barbara Marlow (Middlebury admissions), and Stephen Leong '60. They hope to encourage more Malaysian students to apply to Middlebury in the coming years. As a sales manager for IBM Malaysia, Simon (simontg@tm.net.my) markets IBM to the Malaysian banking industry. He is looking at MBA schools for next year.

1995

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Last year, **Anna Nolin** was named Teacher of the Year at Fuller Middle School (Framingham, MA), where she's active in the theater program. ■ After two years as Castleton State College's director of technical support services, **Nicholas Taranko** moved to Bangor, ME, to be technical director of the Penobscot Theater Company. "If you're ever in northern ME, stop by and catch a show!" ■ Speaking of theater, **David Barlow** played Mozart in *Amadeus* last summer at the Flynn in Burlington, VT. ■ Following their August 8 marriage, **Alex Cobb** (alex.cobb@tudor.com) and wife Barbie moved from NYC to Boston, where Alex is getting an MBA at Harvard. ■ **Alexander Schmemann** (a.schmemann@lse.ac.uk) arrived in London last September for the master's program at the London School of Economics. Sash hopes to get in contact with other Middlebury people in the area. ■ In Denver, **Ben Freiberg** (freiberg@york.uchsc.edu) is in the fourth year of his Ph.D. in immunology and Jessica Fiedler '96 is in the third year of her Ph.D. in pharmacology. They frequently see **Tracy Grant, Greg Pitts**, and **Wendy Ekman**. ■ In June, **Chad Peck** (chad_j_peck@em.fcnbd.com) completed First Chicago/NBD "First Scholar Program" and received his MBA from the Kellogg School of Northwestern Univ. ■ In Atlanta, GA, **Tamsyn Stewart** is teaching fourth and fifth grade students with mild learning disabilities and behavior disorders, while Sam Sweeney '98 is in first year of Emory Law School. ■ **Edwin Williamson** (ewilliamson1@compuserve.com) writes: "I've continued to travel around Africa, narrowly staying ahead of various bombings, civil wars, crime sprees, and wild animals, some of the things this continent is famous for. Early in '98 I got to see such famous Midd kids as **Sue Moulton**, Zach Niles '96, Carly Vynne '97, but no such luck the last six months." ■ **Jenna Ermold** (ermold @landru.cpr.upenn.edu) is doing research at the Center for Psychotherapy Research at the Univ. of PA. "Still looking for Philly Midds to play with. Recently saw **Erica Templeton**, who has started law school at Boston College, and **Noga Peled**, working for Deloit in NYC." ■ **Jim Rodda** (jrodda@ix.netcom.com) and wife Tasha Farrar '97 are living in Omaha, NB. He's designing children's video games as a freelance animator. ■ **Nikki Mathews** (mathewsn@wellscap.org) entered the corporate world at Wells Capital, but continues to teach part time in San Francisco. ■ At the Entourage Sports Cafe in NYC, **Brendan Bowers, Tim Campion, Justin Burley**, and **Mike Liss** witnessed Middlebury trouncing Trinity in our second victory of the season. Justin left Bankers Trust to work for Barclays Capital Markets in London. ■ **Tracey Simpson** is working as

Alex Mackintosh '94 and Peter Aspbury '94 (see 1994 column)

A Midd dinner in Kuala Lumpur (see 1994 column)

Patricia Zagami '95 and John Oberdiek '95 (see 1995 column)

a paralegal for GNY Insurance Companies in NYC. ■ Working at John Hancock, **Erin Eggert** (eeggert@jhancock.com) is living in Boston with **Nicole Greco**. ■ Michael and **Hannah Robinson Seaman** and son Billy (16 mos.) are living in Waldoboro, ME, where they've spotted moose and even heard a pack of coyotes. Hannah is an office manager/bookkeeper/accountant at a small manufacturing company, where they make custom wood products. ■ **Alyssa Bono** (abono@dolphin.upenn.edu) is getting her master's in architecture at the Univ. of PA. ■ In Seattle, **Jeff Albertson** works at Real Networks, "where I just released my first desktop software product, Rolling Stone Radio. I'm also playing bass in a new band known as Evil Little Men." He recently ran into **Teddy Dowling**. ■ **Allison Wong** is a first-year med student at USC in L.A. Her former roommate, **Alex Richman**, has completed her third rotation in third-year med school at Boston Univ. ■ Now in her third and final year of the Master of Divinity program at Boston Univ. School of Theology, **Jill Colley** (jcolley@bu.edu) is seeking ordination in the United Methodist Church and exploring doctoral programs. ■ **Katherine Buchan** (katherine.buchan@bbh.com) is working at Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston with **Matt Hodges** (mhodges@pobox.com). ■ At UVA, **Aaron Smith** is in his second year of the architecture master's program, while **Abeejit Das** is in second year law school at the Univ. of MI. ■ Now an associate editor at J.Crew, **Helen Simons** was recently on a photo shoot in FL. She loves her work! ■ After finishing his work as special assistant to the chair of the Republican National Committee, **Dan Haley** (dhaley@law.harvard.edu) began law school at Harvard last fall. ■ **Trystan Phifer O'Leary** (toleary@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu} and **Steve London** are in second year law at the Univ. of IA. ■ With a master's in public policy from Georgetown Univ., **Matt Hamilton** (mhamilton@strength.org) works at Sharing Our Strength, a nonprofit in DC. ■ A May graduate of Widener Univ.'s physical therapy program, **Mark Schade** is a physical therapist in DC, where he lives with Dudley Winthrop '94. ■ As part of the Emmy Award winning team at the David Letterman show, **Rodney Rothman**'s name was announced during the award ceremony. ■ **Daron Barnard** (barnardc@ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu), who's in the biology Ph.D. program at Vanderbilt, recently ran a marathon on Cape Cod. ■ **Graham Fox** (gfox@emory.edu) interned last fall for a company restructuring health care in GA. He's finishing his master's degree in public health this winter. ■ For much of 1998, **David Morgan** (openeye@compuserve.com) has been living in France, where he has been visited by **Tim Rummel, Greg Okin**, and **Josh Israel**. "Tim and I and a few other friends rented a houseboat for two weeks in the middle of Paris. Greg spent a night with us on his way back from a geological research expedition to Morocco. His bags were full of rocks! I've been living in Aix-en-Provence since June. When Josh came over for about 10 days, I took off work and we made a road trip across the South of France. We watched the matadors train in the Roman amphitheater in Arles, drove in circles in Montpellier, got extremely lost in Toulouse, and had some great food in Languedoc and wine in Haut Medoc. Some of my photos from the last trip to Asia are about to be published. I've also written some travel articles and other assorted freelance stuff." In late '98 he was going to India to take some pictures. ■ Living in the East Village, **Duncan Bruce** (duncan.bruce@nbc.com) is working for NBC in business systems, "doing a bunch of GIS stuff" reminiscent of the Midd geography dept. ■ After working for Sumitomo Bank in NYC last year, **Grant Gibson** is entering UCLA business school. ■ **John (Buck) Baronowski** finished law school at UConn last summer and was studying for the CT and NY bar exams. ■ After three years in TV news, **Rickey Wein** (rickeywein@aol.com) (aka Eric Wiener) has been promoted to newscast producer at WHEC-TV, the NBC affiliate in Rochester, NY. He may also continue to moonlight for the *Livingston County News*, a weekly paper in my hometown of Geneseo. "Now that I've finally got a full-time gig, I'm trying to figure out what insurance to take and what to do first: buy a car or move out of the basement!" He's also on the board of directors of Geneseo Community Players and hoped to get a part in the production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*. ■ Last August, **Wendy Russell** relocated to Boston, where she lives with Allison O'Hare '94 and works at EMI Strategic Marketing. "Although I miss VT, I'm finding that Boston is full of Middlebury alums!"

PHOTO CAPTION Following their June 27 marriage in Mead Chapel, **John** and **Patricia Zagami Oberdiek** greeted friends at the Whitford House Inn: **Wendy Russell**, Kathy Follert Ebner '87, **Megan Smith, Katy Burno, Shannah Van Winkle**, Michelle Zagami Seeley '91, (middle row) **Jeremy Cutler, Rodney Rothman, Martha Mullane**, MaryEllen Claffey McLaughlin (former Midd swim coach), **Nicole Kassissieh**, Virginia Arvold '97, Nancy Zagami Hunt '93, the newlyweds, **William Dobson, Robert Trager**, (back) John Dick '97, Judy Goodrich Arvold '68, Donald Hunt '92, **Mark Jordan, Ethan Skerry, Elisabeth Egan, Paul Rosenau, Inger Lund**, and **Claire Calvin**. In Philadelphia, Patty is a public affairs associate for the Pew Charitable Trusts, while John is jointly pursuing a J.D. and Ph.D. in philosophy at Penn.

1996

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In Boston, **Melissa Morrissey** is in health-care consulting at Tower Perrin. ■ Living in Back Bay, **Amanda Gordon** is research coordinator in the marketing dept. at Deloitte & Touche. ■ **Chris Andrews, Chris Wallace**, and **Ed Meyi**, who all live and work in Boston, report that they "have not matured since college in even the most marginal sense of the word. **Todd Barnes** and **Mike Moisio** live a few blocks away and are slowing any progress of the former." ■ **Angela Han** won the 1998 Sallie Mae First Class Teacher Award for her first year of teaching fourth grade at the Zervas School in Newton. ■ **J.S. Cournoyer**, who works for Arthur D. Little, married high school sweetheart Lisa Dufour in summer '97. They are happy to report the March arrival of son Jean-Samuel. ■ **Kunal Randery**, who works for Decision Architects in Cambridge, MA, married Emilia Lulcheva '98 last June. ■ **Vikas Jhunjhunwala**, who also works for Decision Architects, recently did a five-month stint on a project in Istanbul: "It was like doing a semester abroad, except you got paid for it!" ■ **Jarret Wolfson** is in his final year at BC Law School. ■ **Claudia Schnipper** is at Boston Univ. Medical School; **Doug Levine** is in first year at Northeastern Law School. ■ **Jeff Brown, Sid Suri, Bill Dyer**, and Jani Heikkonnen '97 moved into a magnificent bachelor pad in Cambridge last fall. ■ With a master's in education from Simmons College (June '98), **Kara Lachowitz** is teaching grade three at Elmwood School in Hopkinton, MA. ■ **Matt Trail** still works in Boston, and law student **Pete Bevere** finally made the move up from DC. ■ **Jennifer Agraz**, who lived in Japan and worked on the Nagano Olympics, has started law school at Boston Univ. ■ **Rebecca Kirk**, still in the Boston area, recently visited **Weezie Edsell** in Palo Alto, CA. ■ **Jody Lekberg** teaches Spanish at a private high school in Wilbraham, MA. ■ In NYC, **Derek Brown** (Andersen Consulting) hangs out with **Courtney Marsh** (Fleet Bank) and **Blaine Davis** (health-care consulting) on the Upper East Side. ■ **Penelope Kojima** works at the Open Society Institute; **Bina Sasenaraine** is an associate producer with CBS News; **Jeremy Patlen** (jpatlen@gtinteractive.com) has moved into a sales analyst position with a computer company. He has been back to Midd and has traveled to Cape Town. ■ **Dan Mucha**, still at the Institute for EastWest Studies, spent the holiday season in Prague, eating carp and planning a possible return to the Czech Republic in 1999. ■ **Briana Miller** is in NY, after spending a "gorgeous" summer in southern France, painting, drawing, and learning French with Dave Morgan '95. Briana has an internship in the education division of the Brooklyn Museum of Art. ■ **Megan Tully** completed her Middlebury M.A. in French last summer in Paris, where she also worked for Citibank at the World Cup and got third row seats in the third place game (Holland v. Croatia)—"and I don't even follow soccer in the least!" ■ Until July 1999, **Gretchen Elias** (gretchenelias@hotmail.com) is in Germany, doing a Fulbright at the Univ. of Tuebingen. ■ In December '97, **Shannon Forbush Bingham** married Chris Bingham, a '97 graduate of the Univ. of East Anglia (Norwich, England), where Shannon got her master's in studies of fiction. She's a publicity assistant for a book wholesaler and a freelance book reviewer for Amazon.co.uk. ■ **Mo Renganathan** made a fly-by trip to England over "Labour" Day weekend. ■ **Julie Birnbaum** (juliebirnbaum@hotmail.com) reports from Hokkaido, Japan ("the island near Siberia, looks just like VT—really!"), where she's teaching English on the JET program, along with **Geoff Witek**. Having moved from NM, Julie is trying to get back into the looong coold winter mind-set she left at Middlebury. ■ **Andrea Kan** (ankan@jp.ko.com), who has been with Coca-

Cola Japan for a year, keeps in touch with some Midd alums in that area. ■ After working in Hong Kong for two years, **Nina Grinnell** is studying in Munich, Germany. ■ **Chris Zegarelli** is in Moscow working for the International Finance Corporation (IFC), while contemplating a future MBA or JD. ■ **Anna Dondero** is in Benin, West Africa, with the Peace Corps. Her primary project in rabbit husbandry is reportedly going well. ■ In DC, **Sameer Nath** has been promoted to consultant at Deloitte emerging markets, which provides management consulting services to clients in developing countries. He's focusing on projects in the financial services industry, mostly in India and Southeast Asia. ■ **Dania Palanker** is still working with Sarah and Jim Brady at Handgun Control, Inc. She's directing *Slips* this spring with Fraudulent Productions. ■ **Kali Azzi** is working at the World Bank, while pursuing her master's in international affairs at American Univ. ■ **Tracy Varghese** is studying public policy at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. ■ **April Bolton** lives in Arlington, VA, and sees **Kali Azzi**, Rob Schlesinger '94, Danielle Berry '95, and Johanna Chapin '94 in the DC metro area. The U.S. Dept. of Education has reassigned April to work with NM, UT, AZ, and CO, which means more travel. ■ In the San Francisco area, **Cindy Martinez** has hit the third year slump at Stanford. She has seen **Noel Chilton**, who was headed to Mexico in December to pursue studies in painting. ■ Working for Q-Image Corp., **Alli Miller** lives in San Francisco with **Sarah Merrill**, who was off to ME for a writing program in January. ■ Working in the lab at Scripps, **Darcy Normand** is taking graphic design classes and surfing. She's now a blond—a true Californian. ■ **Scott Goldman** has been promoted to director of development at Orly Anderson Productions in L.A. ■ **Dara Sorkin** is getting her master's in psychology at UC Irvine. ■ **Niamh O'Leary-Liu Singh** (noleary1@dolphin.upenn.edu) reports that she and husband Vijay "had a great time in Brazil and now are back in Atlanta, where I'll be spending my last year of law school as a 'visiting student' at Emory." ■ With a master's in education from Simmons College (June '98), **Kara Lachowitz** is teaching grade three at Elmwood School in the Hopkinton, MA, school district. ■ **Pete Schermerhorn** (schermer1@email.com) is doing a master's in physical therapy at Duke. ■ Living in Philadelphia, **Alexandra Morgan Groosman** (alexandg@mail.med.upenn.edu) is working in women's health research at UPenn, while applying to medical school. ■ **Lisa Old** plans to study water rights law at the Univ. of NM Law School. ■ **Marie D'Amato** moved to Austin, TX, in August to teach ninth grade English at the Liberal Arts Academy, a public magnet school. ■ **Suzanne Daley** is working for advertising firm Foote, Cone, & Beldinghas in Chicago. ■ **Nicole Allard** (nallard@together.net) recently moved to Sharon, VT, in preparation for her first year at VT Law School. "I'll be studying environmental law-which I'm sure will surprise no one." ■ **Etienne Bilodeau** (ebilodea@lawrenceville.org) spent last summer canoeing in the Yukon Territories. This year is his second year as a math teacher at the Lawrenceville (NJ) School, where he's also varsity ice hockey coach. ■ **Jack Peltz** is head coach for the boys' soccer team at the Long Trail School, Manchester, VT. ■ In Norwich, VT, Josh Landis '97 made pizza for Sean Hagenbuch '97, Merideth Cox '97, Margaret Riley '97, **Ali Dorf, Rachel Shapiro, Michael Jensen**, and Craig McGray '95. ■ **Nancy Fallen** moved to Atlanta in August to study film at Emory Univ. ■ **Laurel Cox** recently completed Bike Across America for the American Lung Assoc. ■ In Baltimore, **Stephanie Renfrow** (srenfrow@csos.jhu.edu) is doing desk-top publishing for a non-profit, illustrating and writing children's materials. ■ **Chris Raab** is back, after teaching English for two years in Osaka, Japan. ■ **Frans Vokey** is busy doing a master's in animal science at Cornell. He and **Melissa Arsenault** worked at a summer camp in NY—she as a piano instructor and he as an EMT/Outdoor leader. Frans and **Tushna Gamadia** (in her second year of law school at Cornell) get together occasionally. ■ **Shamoil Shipchandler** (also in his second year at Cornell Law), has taken on the law school newspaper, which was recently named second best in the country by the ABA. ■ Living in Philadelphia, **Alexandra Grossman** (alexandg@mail.med.upenn.edu) is working in women's health research at UPenn, while applying to medical school. ■ **Miguel Vides** is working for MBNA in Camden, ME. ■ **Howie Young** is working for a software company in NH. ■ **Jim Bruce** is working in the film industry in L.A. ■ **Aaron Pearson** is in his third year in AK, second in grad school at the Univ. of AK, Fairbanks. Next year he'll work in New Orleans for Chevron: "I will have a phatty pad on Bourbon Street and stroll to work every day. All are invited for Mardi Gras '00! AK is the coolest place in the world, and I will miss it terribly, but I'm sure the skiing will be just as good in LA!" ■ **Becky Leach DiScipio** is happily married and living in Louisiana, where she has moved into her brand new home.

PHOTO CAPTION **Stephanie King** and Aaron Lemke were married on October 10. Celebrating with them on Hilton Head were (alphabetically) **Carter Blackwell**, Stephen Boyd, Darius Brawn '95, **Walter Delph, Alex Dessouky, Jennifer Edsell**, Zach Free '97, **Peter Freeland, Amanda Gordon, Ian Grimm, Torrey Hinman, Heidi Hirschberg, Jamie Houghtlin, David Janke, Lisa Jankowsky**, Dudley '66 and Rita Crocitto King '66 (parents of the bride), **Cheryl Kozlowski, Sarah Kramer, Ari Kriegsman**, Katie Lewis '97, Sam Martini '97, **Fritz Muench**, Lindsey King Pitts '90, **Bart Plank, Megan Shattuck, Courtney Slautterback, Bain Smith, Cortney Thompson**, and **Jeff Wesson**. The newlyweds are living in Richmond, VA, where Steph is an assistant principal trader for Wheat First Union.

1997

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Living in Waltham, MA, **Merideth Cox** (merideth97@aol.com) is the new assistant swim coach at Wellesley. She ran into **Brad Schenkel** in northern MI last summer. She gets together with **Margaret Rieley, Sean Hagenbuch, Josh Landis**, Mike Jensen '96, Ali Dorf '96 and Craig McGray '95. ■ After a year of studying marine biology and scuba diving in the Puget Sound, Jamaica, and Boston, **Lauren Shuman** is a marine science instructor at Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI) off the coast of southern CA. Look her up if interested in kayaking and diving the giant kelp forests! ■ Until September '99, **Ken Loiselle** (loiselle@mailcity.com) will remain in Paris, where he's a manufacturing engineer with CarnaudMetalbox Plastics SA. He plans to return to the States to do a Ph.D. in French soon. ■ **Joshua Levy** (joshlevy@yahoo.com) is spending a year in Paris, working for the law firm of Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher, "and searching for a lonely, French heiress." ■ **Christian Coulter** is working at Hong Kong Shanghai banking company in NYC. ■ **Josh Malin** is at MI law. ■ **Sean Libby** is in second year at Yale drama. ■ **Bill Noto, Jay Tandon, Greg Mascolo**, and **Alan Paul** are living in San Francisco. ■ **Jani Heikkonen** is working for Harvard Translations in Boston, **Meg Moynihan** entered Harvard Law School, and **Dan Surh** (dsurh@hotmail.com) will start Tufts Dental School in September 1999. Dan left October 7 to teach English in Korea. ■ After summering in Exeter, NH, **Emily Thomas** (emily@shooters.com) picked up **Hannah Lewis** in Minneapolis and headed off to explore the Northwest, ending up at **Lisa Eckel** and **Aram Patterson**'s place in Portland, OR. Hannah headed back to Minneapolis, but Emily stayed in Portland to find a job. Emily would like to get in touch with **Katy Birnie**. ■ **Andy Biggs** lives on the coast of ME, coaching men's soccer at the Univ. of New England. ■ **Katie Kline** is the children's librarian at the Bixby Memorial Free Library in Vergennes. ■ **Stacey Lyn Jutila** has been working as a recruiter for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps in DC. Last year she was an outreach/education coordinator at Multifaith AIDS Projects of Seattle, a low-income housing program for people living with AIDS. "I had the bizarre opportunity of cooking meals for homeless men in Washington, DC, with Monica Lewinsky three days after Starr had questioned her. (I don't know if this is something I should be proud of or not!) I am moving to the Cascade Mountains in WA to be a cook at Holden Village, a rustic retreat center, where I look forward to welcoming Midd alums who come to relax and ski." ■ After a summer in San Francisco, **Sarah Gilson** (segmoney@aol.com) headed to Alta, UT, for the winter. She reports that **Patrick Miller** is attending UVM Medical School and **Philip Jeffreys** is working for Vermont Bike Tours in Europe. ■ Living in Cambridge, MA, along with **Bob Rice** and **Brian Schmidt**, **Kip Adams** is working as a legal assistant for the law office of Francis E. Chin in downtown Boston. ■ **Betsy Heckman** was a summer intern for the State Dept. in Edinburgh, Scotland, then headed back to Yale to complete her master's in international relations. ■ **Ann Mitsakos**, an honor graduate student at St. Vladimir Orthodox Theological Seminary, plans to pursue a career in youth ministry. Ann was recently awarded the 12th annual Nicholas &

Stephanie King '96 and Aaron Lemke (see 1996 column)

Wearing Middlebury colors in Virginia (see French column)

Effee Voss Scholarship, which is based on distinguished scholarship and leadership. ■ **Jason Shellhaas** (jason_shellhaas@med.unc.edu) and **Renee Camfield** spent the summer "seeing the world," including a wonderful week hiking in the French Alps and a trip with Jason's family to Sydney, Australia. They also had a few days of fun with **Lesli Stinger** in CO, before heading back to medical school (Jason at UNC Chapel Hill and Renee at the Univ. of MI). ■ With a master's from Cambridge in England, **Joseph Pearson** (jsp32@hermes.cam.ac.uk) is still there, doing a Ph.D. in history, looking at press reactions to the war in Yugoslavia 1991-1995. ■ **Michael Arlantis** (michael_arlantis@fmi.com) is back in his hometown of Tembagapura, in Irian Jaya Province, Indonesia. Michael married Yani Heryani on July 19. He works in the employee development dept. at P.T. Freeport Indonesia Co. ■ **Andy Smith** and **Laurie O'Donnell** spent last year working in L'Arche, a community for people with developmental disabilities in Tacoma, WA. ■ **Lauren Appel** (cfjh@jhinet.com) and David Curry '96 were married in August in Lauren's hometown of New London, NH. They live in Jackson, WY, where David is a science teacher and Lauren works with community nonprofits. On hand to help them celebrate were **Jen Burell, Zac Stillerman** (stillerz@advisory. com), **Amanda Shoemaker, Jeff Rea, Shenna Bellows, Amy Flanders**, and **Karen Lewis**. ■ **Colin Guard** (cguard@usa.net) is working for the Salzburg Seminar in Middlebury, while "preparing for his second trip into outer space." ■ Still working with the Japanese external trade organization, **Brent McKay** (mckaybrent@hotmail.com) recently moved to Park Slope in Brooklyn. ■ **Liz Ganschow** is teaching English in China; **Helen Froelich** (helenfroelich@yahoo.com) recently moved to Beijing, where she's looking for a job. ■ **Keola Siu** has been all over southern Europe and is now in Egypt. ■ **Jackie Pelton** (jpelton@gcds.pvt.k12.ct.us), who teaches third grade at the Greenwich Country Day School, has been spotted with **Bret Zinober** (bzinober@greenfieldgroup.com). ■ **Rachel Odell** and **Jess Epstein** find Jackson Hole is a hot spot for the Middlebury crew. "It's beautiful and great to be living in a place where most 'real jobs' give three or four weeks off each fall." Rachel is an environmental reporter for the *Jackson Hole News*. ■ **Nellie Fox** reports all is well in Jackson Hole, WY, where she's applying to veterinary school. ■ **Andrew Jessen** (andrew.jessen@atkearney.com) recently moved to Chicago and went to work with A.T. Kearney. ■ **Heather Kasten** is enjoying her second year of medical school at Case Western Univ. in Cleveland, OH. ■ **Catherine "Kiki" Herrick** has moved from the evening news with Dan Rather to *60 Minutes 2*, a new news show. ■ **Jullie Rains** is getting her master's in education from Boston College; **Jamee Field** has moved to NYC; **Elizabeth Frazier** is a research assistant with a leading psychologist in Boston. ■ **Andrew Smith** has the lead role in *Cyrano de Bergerac* with the Potomac Theatre Group. He's traveling around the country, but was able to catch up with **Lara Wagner, Katie Flanagan**, and **Greg Mascolo** in DC recently. ■ While **Caleb McClennen** and **Ty Redmond** were touring South America, they got together with **Darcy Falkenhagen** and **Ellen Whitman**, who are doing World Teach in Ecuador. ■ **Katherine Keen** is home, after an extensive trip around the U.S. with a friend. ■ **Caleb McClennen** traveled in Peru and Ecuador last fall with **Taylor Redmond**. He saw **Darcy Falkenhagen** and **Ellen Whitman**, who are working with WorldTeach in Ecuador. This winter Caleb is sailing with Sea Education Assoc. as a scientist in the Caribbean. **Julie Fedin** is teaching pre–kindergarten at Thomson Elementary School in GA. ■ Homecoming '98 once again demonstrated the Class of '97's love for Middlebury. With a record turnout, '97s enjoyed many tailgate parties and barbecues. Homecoming was also a chance for **Justin Racz** to show off his recently published *J. Crewd* book and sign autographs for classmates. The weekend culminated with a young alumni brunch, where '95s through '98s got the chance to catch up. As always, if you are up to something and would like to share it, or know something about others, please contact us. Also, if our news is inaccurate or out of date, let us know and we'll print an update.

1998

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On a crisp October day, the Class of 1998 returned in massive numbers for Homecoming '98 and enjoyed our first "unofficial" reunion. '98s were spotted at Steve's Park Diner, Middlebury's baffling football victory, shooting pool in the Grille, and, of course, "socializing" at DKE. ■ **Tim Bartlett** took his Watson Fellowship to England last summer to make a documentary about change ringing in that country's 6,000 active bell towers. British ringers are preparing to ring every bell in Great Britain at noon on New Year's Day, 2000. ■ **Jonathan Howard**'s film, *The Vanishing Point*, was one of 13 finalists in a student film competition called IFC2000. Jon and His Highness Bryan Stratton joined Matt Longman '89 and Clark Freeman '99 in a Weird Sisters Halloween Reunion Show at El Taverino. ■ **Jennifer Andrews** has assisted her father in the preparation of a guide to the events of April 18-19, 1775, tentatively titled *Freedom at Dawn*. It includes accounts on the contributions of militia from Acton, Arlington, Bedford, Lincoln, and Sudbury, MA. ■ After spending some time in Cape Cod, NH, and MI, **Dave Shea** has a job as an actuarial student at SunLife of Canada in Wellesley, MA. ■ In Beantown, **Kirsten Taylor** works for Boston Plan for Excellence, **Nicole Nasser** works for Curly and Curly law firm, **Michelle Spina** works for Recruitment Solutions; **Kate Pinto** is an account manager at bx.com, a Web page/Internet service provider firm; **Rachel Huskey** is working for Ingalls Advertising; and **Catherine Wright** is working at *Frontline* at WGBH. ■ **Patricia Zloter** is working at a Boston area nonprofit health-care outreach organization and keeping house mates **Abby Manzella** and **Bree Arsenault** from eating too many brownies. ■ Roomies **Matt Sheldon** and **Nick Lauriat** live in Cambridge, MA. Matt, who works at Private Health Care Systems, has traveled to Cleveland; Nick is a computer networking consultant at BBN and was on assignment at a night club in the Dominican Republic. ■ **Emilia Lulcheva** (elulcheva@vpartners.com) and Kunal Randery '96 (krandery@decisionarc.com) were married on May 31. They live in Cambridge, MA. ■ **Tracy Miller** (miller@bullis.org) is teaching computer science at the Bullis School in Potomac, MD. ■ **Madelyn Carpenter** is a research assistant at ICF Kaiser, an environmental consulting firm, in Fairfax, VA. ■ **Stephanie Richard** joined the Peace Corps and was assigned to the Ukraine in September. ■ **Janet Lee** (jlee@bppr.com) is an auditor in NYC at Banco Popular de Puerto Rico. ■ **Mike Szymanski** is a legislative aide for Senator Robert Torricelli in DC, where he lives with **Dave Frye** and **Matt Burwell**. ■ **Lauren Stewart** and **Joyce Wagner** live in DC, where Lauren works for the Advisory Board. ■ **Nat Coughlin** is an agent at Coffey and Co., an insurance company in Baltimore, MD. ■ **Lela Moore** is a reporter for the *Chattanooga Times*, with a higher education/business beat. ■ **Sareana Pinson** is excited to be moving to Amsterdam in January for two years. She works for EF Education. ■ Meanwhile, back at Middlebury, there exists the typical crop of '98s who cannot leave. **Paige Budelsky** pairs unsuspecting first-years and fields annoying phone calls as the assistant director of residential life. **Nate Johnson** decentralizes dining and proximates faculty as the assistant director of common planning. He's leading a J-Term workshop entitled "The Simpsons and American Culture." **David Barrutia, Jen Close, Karu Kozuma, Carla Naumburg, Karin Olsen**, and **Pooky Rubel** are commons residence advisers and act as the first line of defense against staggering first-years and annual snowball barrages. **Brad Martin**, as the assistant director of Annual Giving in the External Affairs office, strives to pilfer money from recent alums. **Matt Kading** is a research assistant in the geography dept. and has been seen lurking on the fifth floor of Warner. ■ **Rusty Dolleman** is an education assistant for a middle school in Charlotte, VT. ■ Still searching for a career, but living it up in the interim, **Craig Bouchard**, like a modern Cincinattus, dropped his mower and hoe and spent much of his fall in Prague; **Meg Allen** and **Betsy Goodchild** are en route to Australia; King **Dave Thomas** has retired from his lucrative position at the Pizza Barn and is an international playboy on the European rails.

Language Schools

Chinese

Jill Madden '87 ('86) and **Eben Punderson** ('87) were married on October 3.

English

An Afternoon Quiet and Other Poems, by **Knute Skinner** (M.A. '54), was published by Pudding House Publications in 1998. ■ George and **Vaughn Ward** (M.A. '67) are celebrating their 30th anniversary of performing traditional folk music. Their recording of a collection of songs from the age of fighting, sailing ships was released in October. ■ **Herbert W. Martin** (M.Litt. '72) (martinh@checkov.hm.udayton.edu) was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Urbana Univ. in OH, after giving the commencement address last May. In October, he received a citation from the Ohioana Library Assoc. for his dramatic presentation of Paul Laurence Dunbar. ■ **Marty McMahon** (M.A. '77) was recently named Teacher of the Month at the Community College of VT, where he has taught in the English dept. for 10 years. He's also a carpenter, EMS technician, and fire chief of the Middlesex Volunteer Fire Dept. ■ **Lynn Rakatansky** (M.A. '80) has been traveling to Russia and South Africa, bringing back her experiences to share with her junior high students. ■ **Patricia Phaneuf** (M.A. '94) and J. Randolph Alexander, Jr., were married on August 22 in Southborough, MA.

French

Richard H. Tyler (M.A. '62) retired in 1995 after 24 years as coordinator of foreign languages for the Danbury (CT) Public Schools. ■ In Manchester, NH, **Paul W. Kearney** (M.A. '65) has retired after teaching high school French and Spanish for 35 years. ■ **Enid Mayberry** (M.A. '67) informs us that, as the result of a class note, she was able to renew a friendship with a classmate from summer '66. Now working in Poland, Enid is the director of the Anglo–American–Polish Assoc., providing Poles with the opportunity to study in English-speaking countries. ■ **Vivien Forbes** (M.A. '67) is a foreign language teacher at Briscoe Middle School in Beverly, MA. ■ After teaching French and Spanish for 32 years with the Penfield (NY) Central School District, **Joan E. Brim** (M.A. '68) retired from Bay Trail Middle School in July 1997. She spent two weeks in Argentina last winter. In October, she was part of a delegation to Rennes, France, to celebrate 40 years as Rochester's sister city. ■ **Deborah Eagle Feinberg** (M.A. '68) is teaching French at New Providence High School. ■ **Ruth Turner Jones** (M.A. '71) teaches French and Spanish at Southington High School. ■ While teaching small children German and French in her home, **Deirdre Gonia Halat** (M.A. '71) is also starting a program for second and third graders. Deirdre's daughter (16) is bilingual. ■ **Carol Everingham** (M.A. '74), now teaching French at Syracuse Univ., has great memories from summer '74, when Michel Butor was a visiting prof. ■ **David Dooley** (M.A. '76) has joined the foreign language dept. at Manchester (MA) Junior–Senior High School. ■ **James Kaiser** (M.A. '76) is teaching French at Summit (NJ) High School. ■ **Deborah Notarianni-Girard** (M.A. '78), a prof. in the foreign language dept. at the Community College of RI, received her Ph.D. in higher education administration from the Univ. of CT last May. ■ Now living in Brea, **Carla Fountain** (M.A. '79) and Scott Daily were married on June 27 in Riverside, CA. Carla is a teacher at Topaz School in Fullerton; Scott is a social worker with Orange County. ■ **Marina Rea** ('83) and Ralph Santarelli were married on August 29, 1997. ■ **Brian Woodworth** (M.A. '84) was a candidate for the NH State Senate last fall. ■ Chris and **Lynda-Marie Brahs Allen** (M.A. '90) welcomed daughter Lucie Margaret in September. ■ **Michael D. Fisher** (M.A. '92) has been named Distinguished Professor at South GA College, where he has taught English and French for 13 years. ■ **Valerie Hays** (M.A. '95) is a teacher at Mount Alvernia Academy in Newton, MA. ■ **Mary Paracka** (M.A. 98) teaches French and English at the Bradford (PA) Area High School.

PHOTO CAPTION French School graduates Nancy Hall Berens (M.A. '86) and Catherine Lochtefeld (M.A. '92) display the robes and colors of Middlebury as French teachers at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School in Alexandria, VA.

German

With a German doctorate from City Univ. of NY, Sr. **M. Paula Holdman** (M.A. '67) is college historian at the College of Mt. St. Vincent in Riverdale, NY. She recently spoke at Loyola Univ. in Chicago on developments in higher education. Last summer she did research in Weimar and Hildesheim, Germany. ■ Anneliese and **David Sullivan** (M.A. '68) (amsintdes@t-online.de) have moved their office (AMS Interior Design) to an historic factory building near Friedrichstraße in Berlin-Mitte. A recent project was the interior of the new Hotel Adlon at the Brandenburg Gate. Their son, Stefan, graduated from Middlebury in 1988. ■ **Henry Peck** ('68) has translated a book about Jaromir Vejvoda, the composer of "Beer Barrel Polka," from the Czech language to English. He visited the Czech Republic for the fifth time since the "Velvet Revolution," and has met Vejvoda's three sons. ■ **Charles Roehrl** (M.A. '72) has taught German at McDowell High School in Erie, PA, since 1978. He has taken students to Europe seven times. ■ **Heide Jahns** (M.A. '94) is teaching French and Spanish in Weston, MA. She has also taught at Phillips Exeter Academy and Gordon College. ■ **Donna Pirouz** ('97) has been promoted to associate prof. of modern foreign languages at Campbellsville Univ., where she has taught since 1978. ■ **Russell Smith** ('98) made it to the NASTAR ski racing nationals in Aspen, where he placed sixth among nine skiers in his age group.

Italian

■ **Marcello Sabatino** (D.M.L. '57) is the director of the Biscayne School of Foreign Languages in Miami, FL. ■ **Paolo Giordano** (M.A. '72) has been appointed chair of the modern languages and literatures dept. at Loyola Univ. Chicago's College of Arts and Sciences, where he has taught since 1989. ■ **Bridget Baratto** (M.A. '96) and Giuseppe Cuffari, married last July, live in Orchard Park, NY.

Spanish

Philip R. Baker (M.A.'65) heads the foreign languages dept. at SD State Univ. at Brookings. He's also president of the SD Foreign Language Assoc. ■ Last July, **Paula Camardella Twomey** (M.A. '71) studied at the Univ. of Havana, Cuba, in a special program for Spanish teachers K-12. The topic of study was Afro-Caribbean Culture and Religions. Paula teaches Spanish at Ithaca High School. ■ On September 27, **Ruth E. Lugo** (M.A.'73) received the Instituto de Puerto Rico's Education Award. A graduate of the Univ. of Puerto Rico, Ruth is dean of student affairs at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, NY. ■ **Louise Maria Gentile Howard** (M.A.'76) has taught Spanish and theater arts, helped her husband run the Howard Construction Co., shows and breeds her champion Bernese Mountain Dog, and has gone back to acting—in both Spanish and English. ■ In November of 1997, **Gwendolyn Barnes-Karol** (M.A. '78) was awarded the *Premio Ricardo A. Narvaz*—translates MN Spanish Teacher of the Year—by the MN chapter of the American Assoc. of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. She's an assoc. prof. of Spanish at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN. ■ **Terri Knoblauch Atkinson** (M.A.'85) enjoyed participating in the Bicentennial Run through Litchfield, CT. "Although I could only run 2 1/2 miles, my partners were gracious enough to let me carry the cane and take part. Meeting other alums was invigorating, too. I'm proud to be a Midd grad and I congratulate the College on its 200th birthday!" ■ **Jeffrey DiIuglio** ('88) (jeffdi@ma.ultranet.com) writes: "One of my fondest memories of Middlebury was singing in the Coro Español at Mead Chapel. The daily rehearsals and performances were a wonderful, richly human experience that I'll never forget. I'd love to hear from old friends!" ■ **Karen Reichard** (M.A. '92) and **Geoffrey Worden** '90 were married on June 20 in Mead Chapel. Now living in New Orleans, Karen is pursuing a doctorate in French literature at Tulane. Geoffrey is employed by Wines Unlimited. ■ **Deborah Hallquist** (M.A. '94) and **Daniel Elissalde** ('93, '94), who met at Middlebury, were married in December 1994. Son Danny (2) is bilingual. They have moved to Santa Fe, NM, to study acupuncture and herbology at the International Institute of Chinese Medicine. They translate for Spanish speakers in the clinic and plan to practice medicine among U.S. Hispanics, while volunteering in Mexico or South America during vacations. Write them at 310 Airport Rd., #79, Santa Fe, NM 87505. ■ **Kim Schultz** (M.A. '94) teaches Spanish at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury, MA. ■ **Karen Lowenstein** (M.A. '95) and James Damico were married on July 25. They live in Lansing, MI, and are pursuing Ph.D.'s at MI State Univ. ■ **Brook Whittemore** (M.A. '96) and William Stites were married on July 11. Brook teaches Spanish at Westfield (NJ) High School and they live Bedminister. ■ **Tina Walter** (M.A. '98) and Michael Riccio were married on August 16, 1997. They live in Southington, CT, where she's a language teacher at the high school.

Obituaries

1923

Katherine Gahagan Kennedy, 97, of Oxford, MA, on October 19, 1998. With a master's in classical languages from Boston Univ., she taught classical languages in the Holliston and Oxford school systems for many years. Predeceased by husband Alan Kennedy, she leaves a sister, a nephew, and a niece.

1928

Mary E. Sawyer, 91, of Waterbury, CT, on September 22, 1998. After attending Middlebury for two years, she was needed at home to care for her invalid mother. This care continued until her mother's death in 1974. She is survived by a second cousin, Elizabeth S. Kelly.

Eunice Smith Williams, 92, of Glendale, AZ, on July 1, 1998. A native of Chester, VT, she taught high school Latin and French in New Lebanon and Mattituck, NY, from 1928 to 1937. She worked for the Ellsworth Medical Group in Chester from 1951 until her retirement in 1975. She was predeceased by husband Clifford Williams, whom she married in 1936. Survivors include son Henry, two grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

1929

Gladys Boyden Graves, 90, of Conway, MA, on September 27, 1998. Class valedictorian at Middlebury, she became a local historian and was a major contributor to Conway's 1967 commemorative book. The town named her Woman of the Year in 1983. She was active in the United Congregational Church of Conway for 77 years. Predeceased by husband Lyman Graves in 1973, she leaves daughters Mary Bruffee, Christine Williams, Martha Varnot, and Cynthia Cranston. There are 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Thelma Giddings Gates Travers, 90, of Bensalem, PA, on October 11, 1998. She was clerk of the court in Hopewell Township, director of the Pennington Library, an organizer of the Nearly New Shop in Princeton, NJ, and president of the New England College Women's Assoc. She leaves daughter Laura Travers Pardee, son Clark G. Travers, sister Elizabeth Gates Tuttle '48, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Her husband, Michael A. Travers, died in 1970. She was predeceased by several Middlebury relatives, including her mother, Florence Giddings Gates '05; an aunt, Fanny Gates Dunlap '09; a brother, Don S. Gates '36; and a cousin, Hazel Coburn Richardson '19.

1931

Harriet W. Eliot, 87, of Cincinnati, OH, on October 13, 1997. With a master's from Case Reserve Univ. (1936), Miss Eliot joined the staff of the American National Red Cross in 1945, retiring as acting director of the Cincinnati Red Cross chapter in 1972. In retirement, she taught English to speakers of other languages. Survivors include cousins Carroll M. Pike Jr. '45 and Jeffrey A. Pike '77; cousin Lois Grandy Makulec '42 predeceased her.

Lucy Booth Goodwin, 88, of Montpelier, VT, on September 30, 1998. She was a homemaker and actively involved in her husband's medical practice. Her husband, George V. Goodwin, died in 1984. Survivors include son Stephen, daughter Susan Goodwin Hopkins '60, and several grandchildren, including Christopher Hopkins '87 and Stephen Hopkins '89. Her sister, Rachael Booth Bookstaver '33, died on October 1, 1998, in Port Orange, FL.

1932

Eva Tuttle Walsh, 87, of Burlington, VT, on October 15, 1998. With a master's in English from Middlebury (1934), she taught at Rockford (IL) College for 14 years. As a specialist in James Joyce, she collected an extensive library of Joyce material. She also co-authored two books with her husband, Chad Walsh. Retiring to VT, she was a Hospice volunteer, delivered Meals on Wheels, and cared for her husband until his death in 1991 from the complications of Alzheimer's disease. Survivors include daughters Damaris McGuire, Madeline Hamblin, Sarah Walsh, and Alison Sackett, as well as eight grandchildren (including Erin Hamblin '01) and a great-grandson.

1933

Rachael Booth Bookstaver, 85, of Port Orange, FL, on October 1, 1998. With a Middlebury master's degree (1942), she taught high school French in East Hampton, NY. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, David Bookstaver, daughters Jane Orebaugh and Ellen Flanders, son John Bookstaver, and five grandchildren. Her sister, Lucy Booth Goodwin '31, died on September 30, 1998, in Montpelier, VT.

Helen Easton Carpenter, 86, of Wakefield, RI, on September 27, 1998. President Moody officiated for her marriage to Philip L. Carpenter '33 in Mead Chapel in 1935. At IA State Univ. at Ames and the Univ. of RI at Kingston, she worked in the sociology department and the admissions office. She earned a master's in education at the Univ. of RI in 1952. In 1993, the Carpenters received an Alumni Plaque, citing them for being "the epitome of the self-sacrificing and dedicated alumni of Middlebury." In addition to her husband, she is survived by a sister-in-law, Elizabeth Carpenter Metcalf '40; three nieces; a nephew; and a cousin, Eleanor Foote Cartmell '31. She was preceded in death by son Robert Carpenter, brother Robert L. Easton '26 and by Middlebury cousins Kathleen Foote Carleton '11, Emma Easton Towne '11, Alice M. Easton '14, Ralph A. Foote '17, Estelle J. Foote '20, and Bernice Benedict Benjamin '42.

1934

Catharine McDermott Broad, 84, of Daytona Beach, FL, on December 6, 1996.

Grace Buttolph-Wright, 85, of South Burlington, VT, on October 7, 1998. A graduate of Mary Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing, she was involved for 26 years in nursing education at Mary Fletcher, and she served as executive secretary of the VT State Board of Nurses. On retiring in 1975, she received an Honorary Doctorate from UVM. She is survived by husband Daniel E. Wright; daughters Susan and Gloria; three grandchildren; sisters Thelma Robear and Mabel Buttolph '44; brothers Thomas, John '40, and Edward Buttolph '42; nephews John '64 and Edward Buttolph '66; and niece Carolyn Buttolph Meyer '65. She was predeceased by grandfather John E. Buttolph (Class of 1882); father John L. Buttolph '11; mother Mabel Martin Buttolph '11; aunts Grace Buttolph Eldridge '08, Caroline Buttolph Williams '13, Mildred Martin Howard '19, and Marjorie Martin Briggs '16; uncles William H. Eldridge (Class of 1895), Carl S. Martin '09, Edward H. Martin '09, and '08, Benjamin S. Stewart '11, and John W. Hamilton '12.

Claude Bourcier, Professor Emeritus of French and Dean of the French School from 1946-1972 died November 24 in Perpignan, France. A memorial will appear in the spring issue. ■

1936

George H. Daniels, 82, of Louisville, KY, on December 14, 1994. He spent three years in the chemistry department at the Univ. of Heidelberg. Following the outbreak of World War II, he assisted with the evacuation of Americans from western Europe while completing Ph.D. exams in Heidelberg. He worked in research for DuPont from 1940 until his retirement in 1977. Survivors include wife Margaret (Boland), sons Marc E. and Paul H. Daniels, daughter Ann C. Daniels, a sister, two brothers, and three grandchildren.

1937

Lewis Shipman, 82, of Thornton, PA, on September 4, 1998. Stricken with polio at the age of 33, he lived an active life with the help of a wheelchair. He served as tax collector for Middletown Township and was a director of engineering and purchasing for the John R. Hollingsworth Co. in Phoenixville. He finished his career as the financial aid officer for Widener Univ., retiring in 1981 after 15 years of service. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Priscilla (Mollan); sons John, Charles, Henry, Red, and Bert; 11 grandsons (including Justin Shipman '98); two granddaughters, and one great-granddaughter.

1938

Claribel Nothnagle Spamer, 81, of Stratford, CT, on October 30, 1998. With a master's from Boston Univ., she taught school, and was an adult education creative writing teacher. A published writer of children's plays and stories, she was active in the American Field Service, the Stratford Historical Society, and was a hospital volunteer. Predeceased by husband Velmore Spamer, she leaves sons Lawrence and James Spamer, daughters Emmy Lou Swanson and Elizabeth Enas, two grandchildren, and sisters Emmy Lou Nothnagle Brown '34 and Sally Nothnagle Tefft '40.

1941

F. Elizabeth Ketchen, 80, of Belchertown, MA, on September 29, 1998. With a nursing degree from Newton-Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing, she served as an officer in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II and spent 40 years in a variety of nursing positions. One year before her 1984 retirement, she was honored with the George L. White Award, given to a member of the hospital community who demonstrates a keen awareness of the human mission of the Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Survivors include her brother, Gould Ketchen.

1943

Mary Bidwell Ouimette, 76, of Sarasota, FL, on August 3, 1998. During World War II, she served as a civilian in the Signal Intelligence Service of the Army Signal Corps in Arlington, VA. Married to Wilfred T. Ouimette '42 in 1946, they celebrated their 52nd anniversary last May. She was active in politics and was president of the Women's Republican Club in LaGrange, NY. In addition to her husband, she is survived by daughter Leslie Ouimette Jones '74; sons James '71, Robert, and David Ouimette; 10 grandchildren; a sister, and a brother.

Ruth DeLong Rude, 76, of Stamford, CT, on July 16, 1998. She was a substitute teacher in the Stamford public schools for many years. She served as assistant medical librarian at St. Joseph's Medical Center for 11 years, retiring in 1986. She was also a volunteer aid and librarian at Stamford's Hospice Care Inc., where she was voted Hospice Volunteer of the Year in 1997. She is survived by husband Robert L. Rude; sons Earnest, John, and James Rude; a brother, and several grandchildren.

Dorothy Stewart Stein, 77, of Burlington, VT, on August 31, 1998. She did graduate work in geology at Columbia Univ. and married Benjamin Stein in 1944. He survives her, as do sons Daniel, Matthew, and David; daughters Jennifer Barker and Deborah Sharpe, and 10 grandchildren. Forced to retire from teaching because of nerve damage sustained in a skiing accident, she was a dedicated volunteer at the patients' library of the Medical Center Hospital of VT for 28 years. She also volunteered for the Ethan Allen Homestead, the Audubon Center, the Champlain Senior Center, and several nursing homes. She was a member of both the Valley Spinners and the Twist-o-wool.

1945

Hedvig Hogg Boissevain, 74, of Georgetown, CA, on August 3, 1998. She helped found a newspaper in the San Francisco Bay area in 1965 and was its editor for 15 years. She was active with Hospice, helped to start the first League of Women Voters in her county, became a Master Gardener, earned an MBA from Pepperdine (1977), and was a board member for many organizations. She is survived by her husband, Alfred G. Boissevain '44, daughter Claire Crooke, sons Paul and Charles Boissevain, and four grandchildren.

1946

Judith Lyon Lyon, 73, of Hamburg, NY, on September 21, 1998. With graduate study at the Univ. of Paris and the Latin American Institute in New York, she worked as an interpreter/translator for several businesses in Manhattan. She taught at Hopevale School and was active in several community organizations, including the Scouts and the PTA. She is survived by husband William Lyon (M.A. Spanish '65); daughters Kathe Huntley, Sande Lyon Johnson '83, and Kriste Lyon; a sister; and two grandchildren.

1951

Robert M. Ross, 70, of Monte Sereno, CA, on July 13, 1997, after a long battle with prostate cancer. He retired from IBM, where he was a staff chemist. He and wife Elizabeth Nichols Ross '53 had four sons: Peter, Thomas, Donald, and James. Orrin E. Ross Jr. '50 survives his brother.

1967

Dana S. Brigham, 53, of West Newton, MA, on October 8, 1998, of cancer. An Army lieutenant, he served in Korea for 16 months. He received an MBA from Babson College and graduated from the middle management program at Harvard Business School. His business career included service with the William Carter Co., Morgan Construction Co., Thermo Electron Corp., and Metcalfe and Eddy. A creative writer, he had numerous plays and narratives to his credit. He was a member of the Financial Executives Institute and traveled extensively with wife Lynette (Eckes), who survives him. He also leaves his parents, F. Gorham and Amy Bull Brigham; sister Lorena Scotten Faerber; and brothers Francis and William Brigham.

IN MEMORIAM

LES INGALLS '41

June 27, 1919 - September 30, 1998

When Les Ingalls received an Alumni Plaque Award in 1991, the citation began with "Let Ingalls do it," in acknowledgment of his humble willingness to do a little bit of everything for Middlebury College. When his military service ended abruptly in 1943, due to the discovery of a heart condition, he returned to Middlebury to explore new professional possibilities. Samuel Stratton, who was then the new president of Middlebury, promptly hired him to serve as director of admissions and personnel, alumni secretary, and associate editor, positions now filled by quite a number of people. Hence the "let Ingalls do it" catchphrase was born.

During his three years in this multifaceted capacity, many of Middlebury's legendary professors became his colleagues and friends. These included Professors Bowker, Cook, Freeman, Voter, Swett, Sholes, and White. In 1948, after earning an MBA from Harvard's Business School, he began his 36-year career as executive secretary of the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York in Albany, where he played a major role in enhancing New York's higher education programs and received a Citation for Distinguished Service to Higher Education in New York State in 1973.

In 1984, he chose to return to Vermont and resume his place in the Middlebury community, where he could be seen patrolling the streets, enjoying the daily scene and taking his exercise. Acquainted with seven Middlebury presidents in succession, from Thomas to McCardell, he continued to serve the College and the Alumni Association right up until his sudden death on September 30, 1998. He was a member of the MCAA Board of Directors and was a tireless worker for the Class of 1941, co-chairing his 50th Reunion, chairing the Major Gifts Committee, and serving as class secretary from 1976 until his death.

His wisdom, enthusiasm, and commitment to his College have been a major gift to the Middlebury community. He summed it up himself, in his 50th Reunion autobiography: "Little did I know when I stepped off the Rutland Rattler in 1937 what a major influence Middlebury was to have on my life. Now, each day, within my sight, our College continues to grow and to flourish. I see it not as the preserve of individuals, but rather the splendid product of many generations, in which we can all take great pride." ■

IN MEMORIAM

ALLEYNE C. HOWELL III '71

November 22, 1949 - September 18, 1998

To know Alleyne Howell's art is to know the world as a limitless, mesmerizing horizon. Whether a still tropical beach, an agricultural quilt viewed from above, or a tranquil lake drifting into mist, Howell depicted the world as a calm, beautiful place. He was fascinated by landscapes, which he rendered in serenely pastel oils and displayed in galleries around the world. Howell's aunt took him drawing with her when he was a child, and that's where his training began. This awoke in him an appreciation for the moods and feelings of landscapes.

Howell is perhaps best known for his monotypes, made by painting onto a plexiglass plate and then transferring the painting from the plate to water-soaked, blotted paper with an etching press. "The 'painterly print' combines the spontaneity of oil painting with the blending quality of the printing process, and pulling off each print is full of surprises and discoveries which can lead to further experimentation," Howell explained in describing his methods.

Howell died on September 18, 1998, of injuries sustained when the paramotor aircraft he was piloting crashed into a tree during a landing in Springfield Center, NY. An art major at Middlebury, he spent his junior year in Paris. After working for the Children's Aid Society in New York, he became a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War and worked for the Head Start Program in Windsor, VT. As a self-employed artist, he painted landscapes, using images gathered from his world travels. His work has been shown in 16 galleries around the world. He also had a natural ability as an inventor and designer and was an accomplished musician, an avid skier, sailor, builder, and gardener. Predeceased by his mother, father, and a stepbrother, he is survived by wife Katherine Buck Howell, daughter Theadosia, son Blair, stepdaughter Nelle Johnston, his stepmother, and a stepsister.

Left with his art, his admirers may continue to experience his fresh view of life. As he said of his work: "the mild abstraction is to free and empower the imagination; the freshness of color and sense of infinite space stems from direct experience...; the sense of peace, harmony, and lack of human evidence other than agricultural patterns stems from...a deep reverence for the life-sustaining, healing powers of nature..." ■

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

1929

MALCOLM D. CLARKE, M.A. French, 96, of South Harpswell, ME, on September 29, 1998. After teaching languages for several decades, he won the New England Men's 70s Singles title in tennis, won the national hard-court title (75 and over div.) in 1977, and subsequently won 38 national tennis titles and was ranked No. 1 nationally four years in singles and eight years in doubles. In 1991, he was inducted into the New England Tennis Hall of Fame. He played his last game on August 18.

1942

PATRICK H. HODGKIN, M.A. English, 87, of Jamestown, RI, on August 13, 1998. He taught English at Culver (IN) Military Academy for 38 years. A son, Jonathan, graduated from Middlebury in 1969.

1947

MARGARET F. SMITH, M.A. French, of Hagerstown, MD, on August 26, 1998.

1951

JOHN W. WELKER, M.A. French, of Clarksville, TN, on August 4, 1998. A French teacher at Austin Peay State Univ., he was declared a Chevalier in the Order of Arts and Letters for his contributions to French language and culture in 1988.

1952

ARNOLD S. COWPERTHWAITE, Russian, 67, of Denver, CO. He was senior VP of Cowperthwaite and Co., a real estate firm. Survivors include a sister, Jill T. Cowperthwaite '76.

1954

LUCIEN J. RAINVILLE, M.A. French, 72, of Lewiston, NY, on August 11, 1998. He was a language teacher at Niagara Falls High School.

1961

CARLA ANDERSON MENENDEZ, M.A. Spanish, of Sarasota, FL, on October 20, 1998.

1970

WALTER E. KATUZNY, JR., M.A. Spanish, 57, of Newtown Square, PA, on July 31, 1998. He taught high school Spanish, coached varsity basketball, and (as an army major general) was commander of the 79th Army Reserve Command.

1974

STEVEN M. BROWCHUK, M.A. French, 48, of Woonsocket, RI, on September 11, 1998. He was an associate prof. at Johnson & Wales Univ. College of Culinary Arts in Providence.

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ANGEL CHICLANA, 63, of Madrid, Spain, on September 12, 1998. He taught in the Spanish Language School in the summers of '92, '94, and '96.

IN MEMORIAM

MICHAEL KOLLIGIAN, JR. '44

February 10, 1924 - September 16, 1998

A cast bronze plaque in the training room of Middlebury's Memorial Fieldhouse is inscribed as follows: "In Honor of Dr. Michael Kolligian, Jr. '44, with appreciation for dedication and service to Middlebury College." The plaque was placed there in 1985 on the occasion of the dedication of an enlarged and refurbished training room—one of the finest small college facilities in New England, thanks to Dr. Kolligian's generosity. The training room continues to serve Middlebury's athletes and the entire college community for treatment of minor injuries and rehabilitation. Hundreds of students visit the training room each year.

Dr. Kolligian, who succumbed to cancer in September, was inspirational in his dedication to Middlebury. He was a strong supporter of the College and was generous in his commitment to its programs. Two examples of his long-range support include his establishment of the Arthur D. Pepin '44 Scholarship Fund in 1984 and the Michael Kolligian, Jr. '44 Scholarship Fund in 1987.

With a D.D.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania (1947), Dr. Kolligian practiced dentistry in Medford, MA, for about 30 years. After serving for two years as a fleet Marine Dental Officer during the Korean conflict, he went into business with Art Pepin '44 for a time before returning to his dental practice in 1953. In 1973, Dr. Kolligian reentered the business world as the New England distributor of Carrier air conditioning products. He retired as president of the company in 1990.

Throughout his career, Dr. Kolligian devoted his time and energy to those institutions most dear to him. A long-time member of Holy Trinity Armenian Church, he was honored as "Man of the Year" by the church in 1990. During a 1998 visit to the U.S., Karekin I, the spiritual head of the Armenian Apostolic Church, bestowed the St. Nersess the Graceful Medal upon Dr. Kolligian for his leadership and service to the community.

A 30-year member of the Medford Rotary Club, Dr. Kolligian was named a Paul Harris Fellow in 1997 for his contributions to his community. He served as treasurer of the board of trustees of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford and served on the advisory board of Massachusetts Bay Community College.

He leaves his wife, Joyce (Juskalian), son Michael II '83, daughter Valerie Kolligian Thayer, and two granddaughters. Middlebury College will greatly miss his affable presence, but the legacy he established is a lasting memorial to his generosity and commitment. ■

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Hunisak, and Hill each enjoyed three splendid classes—junior faculty though we may be.
Professor Robert W. Hill, Jr.
Department of English

Language Schools Alums Part of the Family

David Grant (Russian School '61) wrote to the magazine to ask "Am I a Middlebury alumnus?" The answer is a resounding YES! Anyone who has attended or graduated from one of the eight Language Schools is indeed an alumnus or alumna—including over 20,000 of you.

Over the past few years we have set in motion a number of initiatives to support our graduate alumni, with particular assistance from the Career Services Office and the new MiddNet Online networking system—and all of you have been fully integrated into Middlebury's alumni efforts. Many of you have assisted us in enhanced recruiting and marketing efforts and have been in touch to tell us about your careers.

We were delighted to have had a successful Phonathon this fall where we spoke with many of you, and look forward to remaining in touch over the years. We hope that you are taking advantage of the alumni goings-on in your area...and that you will take a look at our graduate alumni Web site *(www.middlebury.edu/~alumni/lang_schl.html)* and visit Middlebury Language Schools and Schools Abroad at their Web site *(www.middlebury.edu/ls-sa.html)*.

Dean Michael Katz and the staff of the Language Schools send warm greetings for the new year to *all* of our alumni.
Elizabeth Karnes
Coordinator of Graduate Alumni Affairs
Sunderland Language Center

Disappointed by Diversity Discussion

I am disappointed, particularly in myself, that I did not write this response sooner, but also that the only objection thus far voiced to President McCardell's winter column on racial and religious diversity came from within the ranks of a majority. Where are the voices of those of us who are excluded completely from the president's very concept of diversity? I myself was shocked by several notable absences in his discussion.

It is commendable that Middlebury College never had a quota on Jewish students, and that, in what one might assume to be a very Protestant New England setting, over half of the student body is non-Protestant in some way. What about the 40 percent of the student body that he doesn't account for? It can't only be (the "forgotten") Protestants. Why is no mention made of Islam, Buddhism, or Hinduism, major world religions whose adherents far outnumber Judeo-Christians in the world? In the president's column, why does religious diversity only include Judeo-Christian variations and nonaffiliation?

It is perhaps remarkable that Middlebury College is able to draw so many international students and as many American students of color as it does, and these students contribute remarkably to the College. However, I often wonder about the College's commitment to these students after they become a glowing statistic and are in reality living on Middlebury's campus. There is one official position in the administration dedicated to both recruiting and serving the student of color community. Is one person an adequate dedication of resources to what the president argues is 20 percent of the student population?

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While I recognize that the president's column was limited to racial and religious diversity, I cannot conceive of a genuine discussion of diversity that defines itself so narrowly. As evidenced by the College's 1883 decision to admit women, women are clearly felt to be a powerful presence in contributing to the diversity—and thus academic and cultural strength—of the student body. Today women contribute to an admirable gender percentage but must still work in a male-dominated atmosphere that often does not understand or affirm the contributions made by the "opposite" sex.

A more disturbing omission to me is that of the minority community which suffers potentially the most pervasive discrimination at Middlebury, and was in fact the target of a particularly violent and destructive act of vandalism in the fall of 1997: the "invisible" minority of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The queer community at Middlebury currently thrives against all odds; isn't it time that its continuing presence and growing contributions to the social and academic life of the College are acknowledged and supported?

Far overdue for inclusion is the issue of class. Economic background and the challenges that economic difficulties pose to full participation in student life at Middlebury have yet to enter into any public discussion in a genuine manner. The social culture, and even the academic culture—$100 textbooks ring a bell?—is deeply based in the assumption of the availability of money. Need-blind admissions is ever more necessary as tuitions continue to rise, but what kind of community life can an economically disadvantaged student pursue when so many aspects of the social culture involve money that is

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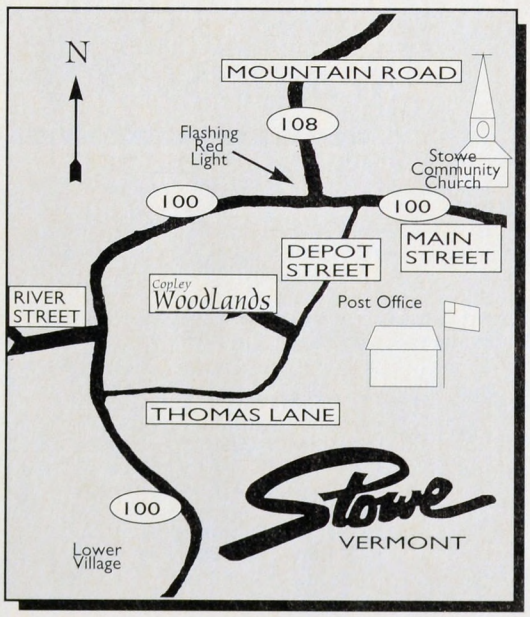

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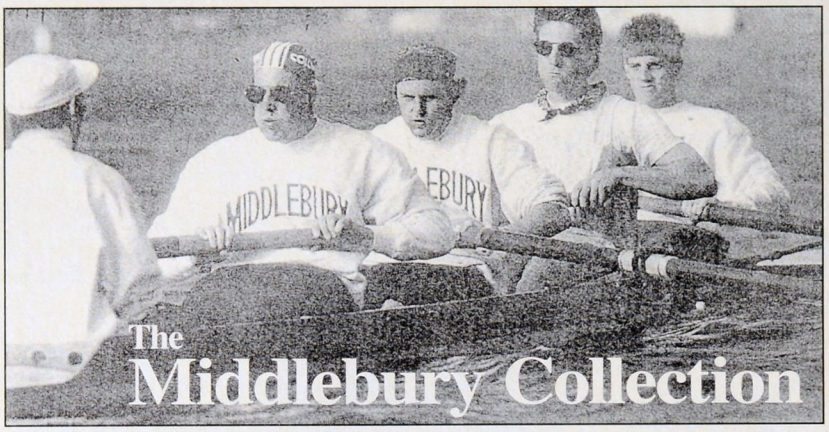

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Finally, having adopted Vermont as home, I'd like to defend it against the president's comment that "Vermont, long one of the most progressive states in attitude, is in fact one of the least diverse. "Vermont has a growing African-American community and significant populations of recent immigrants from Eastern Europe and Asia, and it has long been a haven for the alternatively minded, both spiritually and sexually.

Thankfully, the same is gradually becoming true of Middlebury College. It's great that Middlebury College can claim ever better statistics regarding diversity. Let us also pay the same attention to the concrete needs of those individual students who contribute to those statistics and who may need support and services in more diverse ways. In my view, the diversity table has room for all who wish to sit at it, except for those who wish to define who else may or may not sit down next to them. I would urge the College and its leadership to pull up a chair for some important folks they may not have considered.

Carolyn Ashby '94
Middlebury, VT

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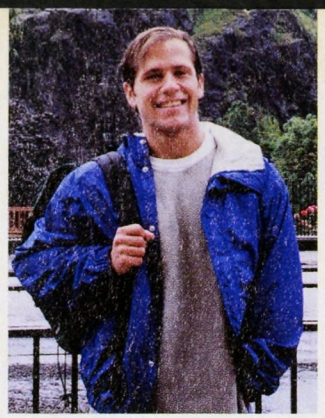


EDUCATED OPINION

By Marshall Evans '93

BUILDING FAITH, ONE CUP AT A TIME

I think the first time God spoke was in the fall of 1993 after the 27th phone call I made from the windowless mailroom of *Treasury and Risk Management Magazine* on Summer Street in Boston to the 27th human resources office I had been instructed to contact. With at least 200 more phone calls to make, none of them in any way related to the philosophical questions raised by a Middlebury education, I realized I needed to be someplace else.

The second time was in 1994, after the fifteenth 20-oz. Sam Adams I served on a slow, frigid Monday in January from behind the claustrophobic, oblique-angled, five-stool bar of Pizzeria Uno in Boston's Copley Square, when I gathered that Uno's patrons—while fascinating people burdened with their own questions—were more curious about why a hamburger took 25 minutes to prepare than with the dilemma of various religions' exclusive claims to truth that so perplexed me.

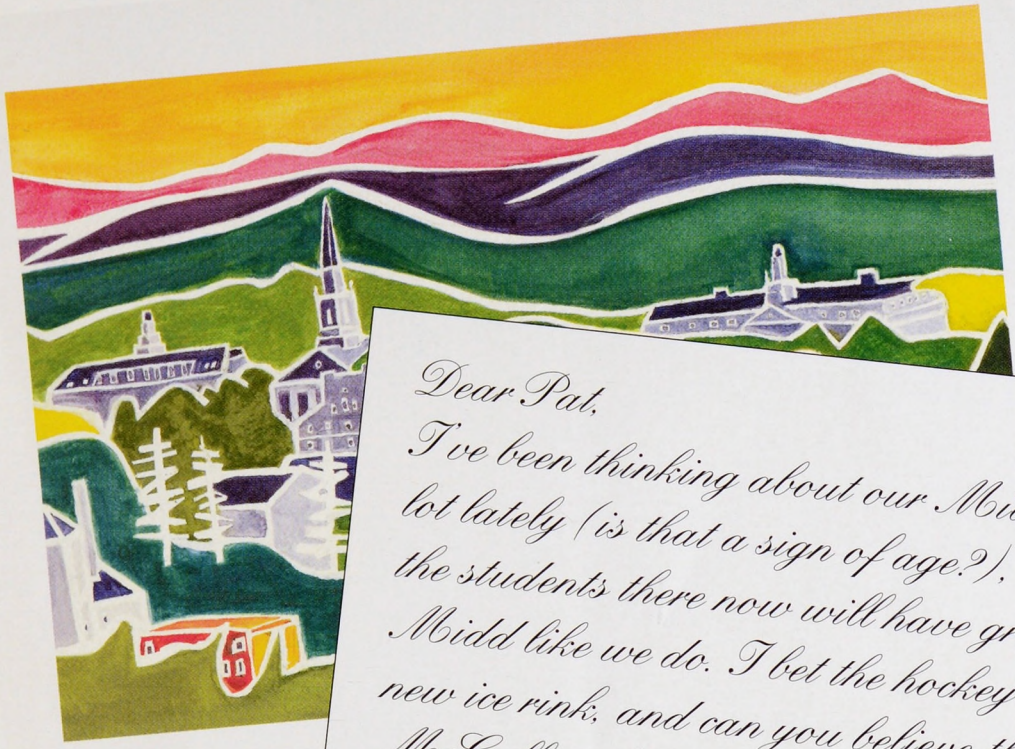
The third time was in July of 1995 just after the 59th Tall Drip I poured while working in Cambridge's Broadway Market Starbucks, when Harvard's Reverend Professor Peter Gomes, complete with waistcoat, pocket watch, and buffed wingtips, came in with a mutual acquaintance and, in his patrician tone, asked for a raisin Danish. Because of our mutual acquaintance and the fact that I would begin my first year at Harvard Divinity School in September, I found myself that same afternoon in a leather wing chair at the end of a tremendous desk in the wood-paneled study of his bright yellow house on Kirkland Street. My one regret for this last message from God was that during the three years I spent at Harvard, Mr. Gomes referred to me, even after I became his advisee, as Mr. Starbucks.

Well, perhaps God was trying to tell me something through this also. Once I got to Harvard I found that the questions about religion in general and Christianity in particular were at least as common as these Seattle coffee shops, if harder to negotiate than Starbucks's menu. Fortunately, Middlebury prepared me to deal with them in a way I had not predicted.

After graduating from Middlebury and talking about the experience with friends, I always felt a little sheepish, like a guest who, months after a friend's dinner party, admits to having been allergic to much of the food; my Middlebury education was often most unpleasant. Oh, the people were mostly wonderful. The professors whose obvious preference for teaching over research resulted in one and a half pages of typed comments appended to essays. And the students, who ventured on midnight caving expeditions, who climbed mountains with ice-axes, who would bring you a toasted bagel on their way back from getting coffee—they strove for excellence in their endeavors, but seldom at the expense of courtesy and spontaneous adventure, a common pitfall for anxiety-ridden Harvard undergraduates. But the learning at Middlebury was terribly difficult for someone of faith who brings with him to college unexamined beliefs and then has teachers and friends point out their structural weaknesses. And then witnesses what appears to be his faith's inevitable erosion.

Now that my divinity school experience has ended, and I have seen many different approaches to questioning faith, it seems that, difficult as it was, the curiosity of those Middlebury friends and professors criticizing my faith was the most effective agent of my education; their insistent questions slowly sculpted my ideas more effectively than any of the well-aimed questions that were hurled in graduate student discussion groups or the arguments that were argued in thick tomes from university presses. The questions have been around for centuries, with better and worse answers concocted to treat them. There is nothing very unusual about them. But the gentle curiosity of friends is somehow always new, an imperishable good. Like coffee, questions of faith will give you a hell of a jolt. And too much keeps you up at night. But diluted with the kindness of friends, people of faith or not, those questions lose their bitterness, lead to answers, and give faith strong bones. ■

Marshall Evans '93 has written for the Boston Book Review *and* Sports Afield *and lives in Queens, New York.*



Dear Pat,

I've been thinking about our Middlebury days a lot lately (is that a sign of age?), and I wonder if the students there now will have great memories of Midd like we do. I bet the hockey team loves the new ice rink, and can you believe the old pool in McCullough is now "the Grille"? I can't wait to see the new science center—it's air conditioned! Wouldn't that have been a treat the summer we stayed for Language School?!

Do you ever think about giving back to the school? I know I never could have gone to Middlebury without the financial aid package they offered me. And now that I'm on my feet a little, I'd like to make sure other kids get the same chance I had—do you know what I mean?

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by Michael G. Halle '88

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